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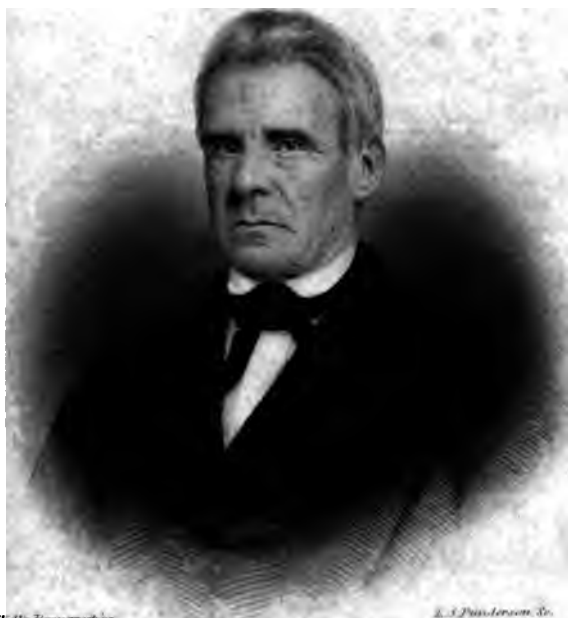


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OF THE
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
IN BELCHERTOWN, MASS.,
FROM ITS ORGANIZATION, 114 YEARS,
WITH NOTICES OF
THE PASTORS AND OFFICERS,
AND LIST OF COMMUNICANTS CHRONOLOGICALLY ARRANGED,
TRACING GENEALOGIES, INTERMARRIAGES AND FAMILY RELATIVES.
ALSO, EMBRACING NUMEROUS FACTS AND INCIDENTS RELATING
TO THE FIRST SETTLERS AND
EARLY HISTORY OF THE PLACE.

By HON. MARK DOOLITTLE.

"I will remember the work of the Lord: Surely I will remember thy wonders of old. I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings." "Thy way O God, is in the Sanctuary: Who is so great a God as our God."

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PREFACE.

IN giving the following pages to the public through the press, a few introductory remarks seem to me appropriate. In the undertaking and progress of collecting materials comprised in this little volume, the thought of giving them to the public in this way never entered my mind. The labor was begun, in a limited way, many years since, and attended to only when other things did not press, as a paramount claim upon my time, and pursued to gratify my own curiosity, having a desire to learn who, in by-gone days, occupied the places we now occupy; *whence* they were, and *what* they were in condition, character and pursuits, in life's short pilgrimage. The more I gathered relating to them the greater was my desire to gather more, and extend it to their *whole* history, political, civil, religious, and social; and this, from all the sources within my reach, records, writings and orally, carefully preserving all that seemed to aid me in attaining my object. Some six years since, in looking over my loose

sheets, I found them more voluminous than I had supposed, and not a little chaotic. I saw that if they were ever to be of any use to anybody they must be arranged in a more systematic manner. This I did, by giving them the form of connected historical narrative. Some of the inhabitants here, knowing that I had such manuscripts, desired me to give them in the form of Lectures, to the people. This I did during the winter of 1846-7, taking such portions of them as were suited to such a course. After these lectures were closed, desires were repeatedly expressed to me to let them go to the public through the press, or particular parts of them, if the whole could not be given. Such requests were made by those connected with some of the public periodical journals of the day, as well as by others. I declined giving them, imagining that if the results of my labors would give interest or edification at any period of time, it could be so only in future years, to those that will live after us; that the present generation would take little or no interest in the matter, more especially, as the settlement in this place was some seventy years later than that in some other towns in the County. Nothing has gone out from them through the

press, except a short extract published in the "Historical and Genealogical Register," the April number, 1848, and that was furnished at the request of Rev. Dr. Coggswell, editor of that journal. A few months since, the Congregational Church in this place, whose history is sketched in these pages, took action on the subject, which appears from their vote in the following extract from the church records, which has been communicated to me.

"It being known that the Hon. Mark Doolittle has at much expense of time and labor been gathering facts respecting the early history of the town, with notices of the first settlers, and a sketch of the Congregational Church from its organization to the present time, the publication of which might be desirable, the church appointed a committee of seven, including the pastor, to confer with Mr. Doolittle on this subject. The committee, reported, that conferring with Mr. Doolittle he expressed a readiness to make any disposal of his work which would meet the wishes of the community, and freely submitted his papers to their inspection. From a partial examination of them, they were satisfied that he had prosecuted his researches with great industry and fidelity, and had prepared a work of much interest and value, and in accordance with their recommendation, the church unanimously voted that Mr. Doolittle be re-

spectfully requested to permit the results of his labors to be given to the public through the press; it being understood, that as the author of the work, he alone is responsible for its statements and contents.

A true copy of the records of the church.

Attest, SAM'L WOLCOTT."

Belchertown, Oct. 4, 1851.

This request of the Church, "unanimously" expressed, I cheerfully comply with. That portion of my collections contained in this volume relate, to a considerable extent, to the church, and the early religious interests of the place, though not exclusively to these. There is a tribute of respect due to the memory of those who established and sustained the ordinances of religion here, in the early settlement of the place, and we of this day should acknowledge it. In prosecuting my labors, I have found records and writings very few and scanty. I have derived assistance by communications with many individuals, both written and oral; I would express my acknowledgments to them for the aid received. To none am I under greater obligations than to SYLVESTER JUDD, Esq., of Northampton, in permitting me access to his very extensive collection of antique things. In the course of my inquiry, for facts relating to the past, I

have been forcibly reminded of the truth of the common remark, that "*we live in a day of progress.*" Truly it is so, and the progress is so rapid that it gives but a moment to witness *passing* events, and *no* time to turn a thought to the past. A considerate mind would seem to require some knowledge of the past, that it may the better direct its future movements; especially so, as we derive all the materials we can use as directories for the future from the store-house of the past. It is but by a careful survey of the past that we obtain a knowledge of the *reality of things*—things as they *have existed*—the *truth* of history. *Truth* is all that ever has or ever can benefit men in their existence, or their acts in any thing. There is the same connection between cause and effect now that there ever was. The laws of God's Providence governing the affairs of this world are uniform in their operations, equally so in the moral as in the physical world. The results of ~~the~~ moral influences in the formation of mind and character, are as uniform, and as well established, as any laws governing the movements of the heavenly bodies, or the changing seasons, and can be traced in their effects as surely as rain, sunshine, and genial summer breezes

can be, in giving life and verdure to the vegetable kingdom.

A view of the past is both instructing and delightful. Ancient fashions, customs, usages of any sort, are not only objects of curiosity, but furnish substantial assistance to the mind in reasoning from the past to the future. He who would live usefully in the world, to *any good* purpose, must deal with *principles*, with *facts* and with *men*. There has been no period of the world's history more richly furnished with all these, and suited to our instruction, than that of the New England Fathers. The single, stern, unyielding puritanic trait that shone conspicuously in their character, regarding the *claims of private judgment*, the *dictates of conscience*, and the *requirements of God's Laws*, in defiance of all arbitrary despotic power, however marshalled and imposing, is to be the touch-stone for testing the moral and religious character of men in all future time, and like the stone cut out of the mountain without hands, destined to fill the whole earth, to achieve the final triumphs of the millennial year.

MARK DOOLITTLE.

Belchertown, Nov., 1851.

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HISTORICAL SKETCHES

OF THE

Congregational Church at Belchertown.

THE territory, now Belchertown, is situated in the easterly part of the county of Hampshire, Massachusetts, twelve miles easterly of Connecticut river, and fifteen from Northampton, and was never included in any grant made to proprietors of any other township. It was early known and designated as a part of the "*equivalent lands*," and so known many years before any permanent settlements were made within its limits. This appellation was given in consequence of the following historical incidents. The first grant made of lands in Connecticut by the Plymouth Council to the Earl of Warwick in 1630, and which the Earl soon assigned to Lord Say or Seal, Lord Brook and others, was very indefinite; the territory conveyed was very imperfectly known. John Mason, as agent for the Colony of Connecticut, in 1661, bought of the Indians all lands which had not been before purchased by particular towns, and made a surrender of them to the Colony. The Colonists then petitioned the crown for a charter confirming their rights to the

land. In 1662, Charles II. issued his letters patent in compliance with their request, and fixed the boundaries as follows: "All that part of his Majesty's Dominions in New England, in America, bounded east by Narraganset river, commonly called Narraganset Bay, where the river falleth into the sea; and on the north by the line of Massachusetts plantation, and on the south by the sea, and in longitude as the line of the Massachusetts Colony, running from east to west, that is to say, from the said Narraganset Bay on the east to the south sea on the west part, with the Islands thereunto belonging." The north line of this grant, (as well as others) was still undefined; settlements were beginning in Enfield, Somers, Woodstock and Suffield, on the line between the two governments; these towns were supposed to lie within the limits of Massachusetts; the government of Massachusetts extended its jurisdiction over them, and protected them in the Indian wars. This state of things continued for years, till Indian hostilities had subsided, English settlements multiplied, and lands attained to some value, when it became necessary to ascertain the true line between the two governments, with more accuracy than it had been done in the original grants. A survey was had, and it was found that the true line between the two governments was north of these towns; they were within the Connecticut line. In 1648, Enfield was granted by the General Court of Massachusetts to Springfield; in 1670, a grant was made by the same authority, of the town of Suffield to Maj. John Pyncheon. Lines corresponding with these grants included Somers and Woodstock within Massachusetts, and Massachusetts claimed the jurisdiction over them; Connecticut consented to that jurisdiction, upon condition that Massachusetts should grant a jurisdiction

within its limits to Connecticut, of equal extent, as an equivalent; such a treaty between the two governments was carried into effect. *Ware, Belchertown, and Pelham*, comprised the *equivalent* territory. At that time no grants had been made to any individuals or proprietary within these territories; they were a part of the public domain. Connecticut continued to hold such jurisdiction within the Massachusetts lines till 1727, when they sold their right to the territory *now Belchertown*, to seven individuals residing in and near Boston, in six equal divisions; the first division to *Paul Dudley* two thirds, and *Col. John Wainright* one third; second division one sixth to *John Caswell*; third division one sixth to *Col. Thomas Fitch*; fourth division one sixth to *Adington Devenport*; fifth division one sixth to *Jonathan Belcher, Esq.*; sixth division one sixth to *William Clark's heirs*. During the months of *October* and *November* of that year, the territory was surveyed, delineated, and plotted on a chart by *Col. Timothy Dwight* of Northampton. This chart is now in my possession. It is evidently drawn with great accuracy by the hand of a master. *Col. Dwight* was much employed in his day in surveying and plotting towns in this section of the country. He was the grandfather of *Rev. Timothy Dwight, D. D.*, late President of Yale College. Upon the sale of this territory to these proprietors, the jurisdiction was transferred to Massachusetts, and the aforesaid towns within the Connecticut lines taken under the Connecticut jurisdiction. *The territory now called Belchertown was called Cold Spring*. The lines in *Col. Dwight's* survey to the above mentioned purchases, contain 27,390 acres. At the time the town was incorporated, in June 1761, by the name of *Belchertown*, it included an additional territory on the north, not

embraced in Col. Dwight's survey, of about 12,000 acres; a part since incorporated with Enfield. No sooner had these purchasers obtained the Connecticut title to this territory, than an attempt was made to bring forward a settlement; to that time no permanent settlements had been made within its limits. The earlier settlers in the towns on Connecticut river, from Northampton, Hadley and Hatfield, had ranged over these hills and through these valleys for gain; it was a fine hunting-ground—game in abundance; cattle were driven in herds from these places, during the summer season, to browse through these forests; temporary settlements were made for the purpose of boxing the pines, and gathering the turpentine, and perhaps for securing a competent supply of candle-wood. An order had passed the town of Northampton in 1699, that no more *candle-wood* should be collected for use within seven miles of the meeting-house, on forfeiture of the same; and another order by the same authority in 1700, saying, pine trees were not to be boxed for turpentine within three miles; these sources of gain must be sought beyond these limits, if sought at all. As a means for bringing forward a settlement here, the Proprietors proposed to make gratuitous grants to the settlers in the older towns on the river, of lands, upon condition of removal, and permanent settlement upon them. The proposals were acceded to, and several families from Northampton, Hatfield and Hadley removed here in July 1731. The first pioneers were Samuel Bascom, Benjamin Stebbins, and Aaron Lyman, from Northampton, and John Bardwell and Jonathan Graves, of *Hatfield*. We have no local records of their transactions anterior to 1739. From a Petition on the files of the General Court, in the State Archives, dated December 1737, signed by

the settlers, we learn that settlers were here, and something as to their numbers and names. They say, "they had twenty families, and more expected soon." They pray the General Court to grant them a land tax to aid them, "for they are about settling a minister and building a meeting house." In another Petition presented to the General Court, dated November 1738, the petitioners say, "we have agreed with *Mr. Noah Merrick* to settle with us in the gospel ministry, and pray for the privileges of a township." Mr. Merrick did not settle here. In January 1739, another petition was presented to the General Court, praying for the same privileges. In another petition to the General Court, dated November 1740, the petitioners say, they "are greatly in debt for building a meeting house, outside covered and glazed, and a minister settled; we are *but twenty families*, and owe Judge Dudley and others over two hundred pounds for lands for our minister's settlement, and to our minister between two and three hundred pounds for salary and settlement. We have sustained preaching *five or six* years, and have advanced the estates of the proprietors more than our own by settling Cold Spring," and pray for permission to tax non-resident land to aid them. The names appended to these petitions were substantially the same; in addition to the pioneers already named, they were *John Smith, Ebenezer Bridgman, Moses Hannum, Eliakim Phelps, Joseph Bardwell, Nathaniel Dwight, Abner Smith, Joseph Bridgman, Benjamin Billings, Stephen Crawfoot, Thomas Graves, Joseph King, and Robert Brown*. From the Petitions above referred to, and from others presented about the same period from the same source, we obtain these facts: that these settlers began to bring forward a permanent settlement here in July 1731; that between that

period and 1736, inclusive, they had increased to twenty families; that in November 1740, they were but twenty families, and greatly embarrassed with debt; that they had sustained preaching five or six years with that number and under very severe trials. The first records to be found remaining of the doings here by these settlers, are under date February 1739, and relate to the settlement of the *Rev. Edward Billing*, the first settled minister in the place. Time or accident has removed a part of the record; what remains is a part of Mr. Billing's answer to the call of the people to settle with them in the gospel ministry. He says,

"The two hundred acres of land which cost two hundred and — pounds, and one hundred and sixty pounds to be paid in work towards building, at present, and forty pounds more to be paid in eight years, viz. five pounds a year, all which is reckoned as settlement. After a consideration of the call and invitation which the people of Cold-spring have given me to settle in the ministry among them, I have, I hope, determined with a sense of my insufficiency for so great a work without divine conduct and assistance, and with a dependence upon the Lord Jesus in that work in this place, and do declare my acceptance of your call. EDWARD BILLING.

Cold Spring, February 22d, 1739.

This answer was made to a precinct meeting held the same date; a vote followed appointing *John Smith, Samuel Bascom, Stephen Crawfoot, Aaron Lyman* and *Jonathan Graves*, a committee to agree with Mr. Billing about the time of ordination, and to send letters to the several churches to require their assistance. No record remains of the precise time of Mr. Billing's ordination, but from

sundry entries on the precinct records relating to him, it is pretty certain that he was ordained in *April* 1739. A church had been organized here previously, but the exactness of that date no record tells us *when*. From sundry acts in their precinct meetings, their provisions for a place of public worship, the necessity they felt resting upon them to sustain the ordinances of the gospel, which appears fully in their doings, as well as the traditionary account of the matter, the evidence is quite satisfactory to my own mind that the church was organized in the spring of 1737. No *church* records are remaining of any thing anterior to February 26th 1756 ; what we have relating to the church, before that date is gathered from other sources.

Connected with the establishment of the church, early in the year of 1737, was brought up the subject of erecting a meeting house ; preparations were made, in 1738 it was raised, covered, and used as a place of worship, though not finished till 1746, and then done in a manner suited to the embarrassed circumstances of the settlement. A prominent principle that seemed to govern all their doings, was to sustain the ordinances of religion, the ministry, and the stated public worship of God. To sustain these institutions was not a question of *policy* or *expediency* to be settled as freak or fancy might lead the way. In their estimation, they constituted the moral aliment of their lives, and were indispensable for their prosperity in all things temporal as well as spiritual. By examining the records of the doings of the inhabitants of *Cold Spring* for twenty years, in the precinct meetings, next following 1741, it will be found they had about seventy meetings, under warrants containing over seven hundred distinct articles to be acted upon ; more than *one half*, exclusive of the organizing the meetings,

related to their *ecclesiastical* concerns. A prompt, persevering and ever wakeful vigilance to sustain the great truths of the Bible, in doctrine and duty, and to give them efficiency in life, was, in their view, the only condition on which blessings could be expected. This was not an original thought with them. It was the *Puritan* doctrine, derived from higher than even *Puritan* authority. It was taught by Patriarchs, Prophets, and Apostles, and holy men in all ages of the world. It took deep root in the hearts of the great Reformers in the 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th centuries. It was the spirit-moving power which brought the Fathers of New England here, and sustained them here, in defiance of all opposition. It is this doctrine, in its results, that has given prosperity and success to the land beyond a parallel in the history of the world. I am not aware that the experiment has ever been made by any government in any age of the world, till it was made by the Fathers of New England, to require its subjects, by legal enactments, to sustain religious institutions and the public worship of God, and at the same time extend equal governmental protection and toleration to all classes and religious denominations. In New England the experiment has been made, and has succeeded to a charm. The necessity of supporting the institutions of religion, and toleration to those of all religious sects alike by government, was an article of the faith of the New England Fathers and of the Patriots of the Revolution. The people of this state in the very outset—in the compact on which hang our civil and religious privileges, so far as governmental agency is concerned, recorded this article of their Faith. They say, “As the happiness of a people and the good order and preservation of civil government, essentially depend on piety,

religion and morality, and as these cannot be generally diffused through community but by the institutions of the public worship of God and public instructions in piety, religion and morality, therefore to promote their happiness, and to secure the good order and preservation of their government, the people of this Commonwealth have a right to invest their Legislature with power to authorize and require the several towns, parishes, precincts and other bodies politic or religious societies, to make suitable provision at their own expense for the institution of the public worship of God, and for the support and maintenance of public, protestant teachers of piety, religion and morality in all cases where such provision shall not be made voluntarily." The requirements of the constitution above are that the towns and parishes etc., *shall* make provision, at their own expense, for the institution of the public worship of God, and for the support and maintenance of public protestant teachers of piety, religion and morality. The *reason* for the requirement is that the happiness of the people and the good order and *preservation* of civil government *essentially depend* upon it. The *truth* asserted as the reason for the requirement no one will deny; that being so, the requirement is just and indispensable. The interpolation into the Constitution of the Commonwealth of a later date, adds a new article not found in the faith of those who originally framed it, and adopted it. The new article ratified November 11th, 1833, admits the fact that, "*piety, religion and morality promote* the happiness and prosperity of a people and the security of a Republican Government," but does *not* recognize the truth that *the happiness and prosperity* of the people, or the security of the government *essentially depend* upon them, and therefore they do *not require* their support by the people,

Should the day arrive when there shall not be one organized Religious Society within this Commonwealth, nor a public teacher of piety, religion and morality maintained or supported within its limits, no provision of the Constitution would be violated, or in the least degree infringed upon by it. He who stretches his faith to such an extent as to believe that a Republican Government can be sustained, or the prosperity and happiness of any people secured or perpetuated in any other way, than by a general diffusion of religious truth and maintaining *public teachers of piety, religion and morali'y* in the community, is in great danger of falling into the same condemnation which Baileau said the Jesuits fell into—" *that in proportion as they lengthened their creeds they shortened the commandments.*"

Whatever human governments may ordain on this subject can never change the laws of God, nor relieve man from an imperative duty to obey it. The great truth written in the frame-work of the Constitution by those who originally framed it, is but a transcript of God's requirements written upon the records of all His providential dealings with men ; neither time, nor circumstance, nor the ingenuity of man, nor the constitutions and laws of all human governments combined, can ever change or mitigate their claims. They will remain in all their stern demands while the moral government of God is exercised over the affairs of this world.

The relaxation in the requirements of government, absolving men from the duty of sustaining the institutions of religion, is predicated upon false premises ; either that men will *voluntarily* give to these institutions all needful support, or that they are not *essential* to be supported as necessary means of prosperity and happiness to a people.

It is an attribute of governmental power, acknowledged by all, to require of the subject his aid and assistance in doing that which is *essential* to the *maintenance* of the *government*. It is upon this principle that governments levy their demands upon the labors and the property of the subject for the support of other institutions: the means of education, support of public schools, public roads, and even the public guide posts, are deemed so essential to the public weal that each individual is *required* to contribute his share for their support; men are as ready to support these *voluntarily* as they are *religious institutions*, which are as essential to the public welfare, as any other, to say the *least* of them. Without legal exactions men will not sustain these institutions, essential for the prosperity and happiness of a people, as they ought to be sustained: merely voluntary support to any of them would be inadequate, unequal, and bring unjust burdens on a portion of the community, and can never be safely relied upon. Another argument resorted to for doing away all legal requirements upon men to sustain *religious institutions* is, that by such requirements men cannot be made to *be religious*, and therefore all legal requirements on men, on this point, are useless. Here, from a self-evident truth, false reasoning and erroneous conclusions are drawn. It does not follow that because one cannot be made to *love* religious truth by legal enactments, that such legal enactments as require men to act in conformity to the principle of truth and righteousness are useless. If men were not required by law to sustain any institution, or to aid any object, only such as they loved, or could be made to love, it is feared that the messengers of mercy, truth and righteousness would beg in vain at the doors of multitudes for aid in any thing good. Men cannot be made by law to

love *honest dealing*, yet men are required by law to deal honestly. A law requiring men to support schools, does not necessarily make men love the object they are required by law to support. Men may be required by law to perform duties, both to themselves and others, without loving the *duties* the law requires of them. The requirement does imply or expect a change of character in men as the result of the enactment.

The prevalent faith of the New England Fathers was, that government should *require* its subjects to support the *institutions of Religion and the stated public worship of God*, and at the same time each and all left to the free exercise of their own will and directions of conscience in all matters of faith and practice. Whatever we know of them, deviating from this, were exceptions to the general rule. These Fathers had witnessed the struggles in the old world to cramp and subdue the faith and conscience of men by the iron rule of despotic power, and saw that it was all in vain. They had learned the extent of governmental power in this matter, as seen in "*corporation acts, acts of uniformity and conventicle acts*," in cruel persecutions, in tragedies of Bartholomew days, in tortures of the rack, the wheel, the cross upon faith *unconquered*, till a world has wept, the sun and the moon darkened, and the stars withdrew their shining, without advancing one step towards accomplishing the fated undertaking.

Another principle in the faith of the New England Fathers was, that the *relation* existing between minister and people, and the *duties* resulting from that relation, were *mutual and reciprocal*; *extending to all and to be reciprocated by all*. There were no *wild fowls*, in that day, claiming the courtesies, the sympathies, the attentions, and the varied labors of the minister, while they

loathed his ministration, to such an extent as to forbid their aid in his support and maintenance. Such a class should not claim legitimacy from Puritanic lineage; they belong to a different origin. A care and concern were manifested by *all* for *each*, and each felt bound to lend his aid for good to the whole.

In 1744, at a precinct meeting, they appointed a committee to settle with Mr. Billing concerning the 40s for **EACH FAMILY THAT COMES INTO THE PLACE**, there being some difficulty that arose by reason of some families going out of the place. Mr. Billing's salary was one hundred pounds a year and his wood, but varied, as the value of money varied. In 1745 a vote passed in precinct meeting, that Mr. Billing's salary should be paid as to rising and falling of money as near to what Hatfield and Hadley pay to their minister (as may be,) Mr. Billing being present and agreeing to the same. The salary also varied according to the number of the *families*; one hundred pounds was predicated on *twenty* families; if more came into the place, an addition of *forty shillings* was made to the salary for each family. This was upon the principle that *all* were to be partakers in the support, as well as the benefits of these institutions—held as indispensable, not to a part only, but to *all*—and if so, the inference was irresistible that all should bear a share in their support. When the salary had risen to one hundred and sixty pounds, it was deemed sufficient. It was never to extend beyond that sum, and to be varied, as to the number of families, only when that number should be between twenty and fifty. It was a general practice in New England, from its earliest settlement till about the commencement of the present century, to connect with the call of a minister a *stipend* called a *settlement*, in addition to his

annual salary. Such a stipend was deemed needful to enable him to sustain the expenses of living till the salary became due at the end of the year; this settlement, in amount, was ordinarily about the same as one year's salary. It is evident that the *settlement* connected with the call to Mr. Billing, was estimated at a much greater amount. As the lands and labor in building a house were estimated, they were about 400 pounds; the lands were unproductive and nearly useless. At the close of the first year after the settlement of Mr. Billing, May 1st, 1740, a vote passed, "to pay up Mr. Billing's salary annually to the first of May, and it is to be remembered that silver goes at *twenty-nine shillings per ounce, and we propose to pay equal to that.*" This was called old tenor. In October, 1741, at a precinct meeting, a vote passed "that money should be raised in the next rate to pay the cost of Rev. Mr. Billing's wedding. At another meeting held soon after, a vote passed to pay *Deacon John Smith one pound eleven shillings and four pence, for Veal had for Mr. Billing's wedding.*" Better, far better would be a dinner of herbs on such an occasion, with the feelings that prompted these acts towards their minister, than a stalled ox and contention therewith. Such a vote, to pay for a leg of veal, for such an occasion, at this day, might lead some "*to sign off,*" or cast a grimace-look at goodness such as this; for modish vice, with ease, can dart a sneer at virtues obsolete. Another vote passed at the same meeting, to pay Thomas Brown *thirteen shillings for candle wood* got for *Mr. Billing*. These acts, though trifling in themselves, spoke a language full of import; the spirit that prompted them, gave life and energy and martyr zeal and faith to persevere under trials most severe and discouraging. While voluntarily assuming on them-

selves these expenses, for the benefit of their minister, even to minute items, they had but scanty means; they were burdened with heavy taxes, and compelled to make great sacrifices for the support of themselves and their families. I give their own story in the case. In a petition to the General Court, they say, "Three quarters of the township is in the hands of five or six or a few more proprietors, who have drawn us into difficulties; and now seem to cut us off. Some of us who own 150 acres of land only, have been rated in a single rate *over twenty pounds*. Some proprietors (non-resident) own thousands of acres around us, and pay not a penny." They pray the government to allow them to raise a tax on lands of non-resident proprietors; this petition was dated 1741, drawn by Col. *Timothy Dwight*, of Northampton, who was the first signer; the petition was not at that time granted, but they persevered in their requests. In May, 1742, they petition again to the General Court for the same power, to tax non-resident lands. They say, "this township is a part of the *equivalent land*, so called; the whole was owned by a few gentlemen who bought it of Connecticut, and four fifths of it or more is now in the hands of these gentlemen, or others that hold under them, and live at a distance. About *twenty* of us have actually removed to this place with our families, and have settled a minister, raised, covered and glazed a meeting house. The minister's *settlement* is but half accomplished, nor has the cost of finishing the meeting house been yet expended (paid). The minister's house which we undertook, is neglected, and may rot down half finished; this is all discouraging." "*Our minister must leave us if we cannot have aid.*" This petition prevailed, and leave was given to tax "*all lands in the township, one penny an acre*, to fulfil the

contract with the minister and finish the meeting house." The embarrassed condition of the settlers referred to in these petitions, retarded the growth of the settlement. There was very little, if any, increase of population, from 1736 to 1742. After the power was granted to tax the property in just and equal proportions, to sustain their Religious institutions, which were indispensable to their prosperity, the settlement advanced, and success attended them. Some of the means which they took to secure and perpetuate success, appear in their votes. One was an increase of the minister's salary, that his labors may not be lost. Another vote was taken to appoint a committee to see that there should be no disorderly conduct upon the *Sabbath*. With such a vigilance, success attended them. The population, for ten years next following 1742, more than doubled. At Mr. Billing's dismission, April 1752, there were 50 families or over.

The causes which lead to the dismission of Mr. Billing arose from a difference between him and the church, as to the qualifications for church membership. A majority of the church had adopted the system of faith, known at the day, as "*the half way covenant*." More than forty years previously, a controversy had arisen on this subject between Rev. INCREASE MATHER, of Boston, and Rev. SOLOMON STODDARD, of Northampton. This controversy had been carried on through the press; many of the New England churches were divided in opinion on the subject, Mr. Stoddard maintaining the "*half way covenant*" doctrine, Mr. Mather rejecting it. The occasion which raised the difficulty between Mr. Billing and the church at that time was the calling the council at Northampton for the dismission of PRESIDENT EDWARDS. That council convened, by letters missive, June 22d, 1750;

this church received a letter requesting their attendance to sit in council, by pastor and delegate. A majority of the church refused a compliance, alleging as a reason, that they did not agree with Mr. Edwards on this point, (the half way covenant), and voted their unwillingness that Mr. Billing should attend the council. He did however attend, and sat in that council, as appears by their doings, contained in the life of President Edwards. In naming the members of that ever-memorable council, it is said, "The Rev. Mr. Billing, from Cold Spring, was present, without a Delegate." Mr. Edwards was ordained at Northampton as colleague pastor with Mr. Stoddard, Feb. 15, 1727. Soon after his dismissal, difficulties arose here between Mr. Billing and the church. Several councils were called. This appears by records, though the nature of the difficulties does not appear by records; yet they do by other writings still remaining. These councils were called between June 1750 and April 1752, when he was dismissed. See note B. at end of the volume. He preached here a few Sabbaths after his dismissal the same year. Afterwards, 28th March, 1754, he was installed as the *first* Pastor of the Church in Greenfield, where he died soon after. He was a native of Sunderland. At the time of his birth, Sunderland was a part of Hadley. He was a graduate of Harvard College in 1731—settled here in 1739—married Miss Lucy Parsons of Amherst, a sister of Rev. David Parsons, the first minister of Amherst, in 1741. Rev. Mr. Billing died at Greenfield, about 1757; no record can be found of the exact time of his death. His estate was settled in the Probate Office, in this County; closed August 1760, when his widow Lucy was appointed Guardian to four minor sons, Edward, Ebenezer, Jonathan and Ethan,

all under fourteen years of age. It is to be regretted that so little can be found, from which even a sketch can be drawn of his life and character. I have never found a person that knew him, and have sought in vain the monument to tell me where his body lies. Traditionary history imputes to him unusual energy of character, ardent zeal and devotedness to the work in which he was engaged. As this church once embraced the doctrine of the "*half way covenant*," even a sketch, historical, of the church would seem to require a passing notice of *that system of Faith*; especially so, as various and erroneous imputations have been made upon those who embraced it. In "*Fessenden's Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge*," published in 1838, under the article "Rev. Solomon Stoddard, minister of Northampton," I find the following. "Mr. Stoddard was a learned man, well versed in religious controversies, and himself an acute disputant. He engaged in a controversy with Increase Mather, respecting the Lord's Supper, *unfortunately* maintaining that the sacrament was a *converting ordinance*, and that all baptized persons not scandalous in life, may lawfully approach the table, though they know themselves to be unconverted and destitute of true religion." In Barber's History of Massachusetts, published in 1844, in a sketch of Northampton, a similar statement is made as to Mr. Stoddard. Other writers have imputed to him and the divines and churches of his day, embracing his faith, the same doctrinal belief.

So far as I know, it is the prevalent opinion at this day, that the great errors which these men and churches embraced and taught, were that the sacrament was a *converting* ordinance, and that such *unregenerate* baptized persons as were described might come to the communion

table. The "*half-way covenant*" system, has become a part of New England church history ; a system very prevalent in the churches, at the beginning of the last century, and should be rightly understood. In the examinations that I have been able to make, I can find no evidence that Mr. Stoddard, or the divines and churches that embraced his faith, held either of the doctrines imputed to them. I have searched without effect to find any profession of faith left by them of such import, and am constrained to believe it exists only in historical error. I find summaries of their faith, penned and left by themselves, and at different times, which I have no doubt comprises the compendium of their faith, as to the ordinances of the church. From the doings of those prominent in teaching the doctrine of the "*half-way covenant*," under date 1666, I find the following. "It is voted and agreed by the church, that such among us, being settled inhabitants, that give no ground to hope, in charity there may be some good thing in them towards the Lord though but in the lowest degree, and sustaining and believing the doctrines of faith, publicly, sincerely and freely professing their assent thereunto, not scandalous in life, solemnly taking hold of the covenant, wherein they give up themselves and their children to the Lord, and his church, subjecting themselves with fear and humbleness of mind to the government of Christ therein, sincerely engaging to rest content with that share and portion of privileges belonging to them that are only in a state of education, in Christ's house, during the time of their continuance in that state, and not essay of the breaking in upon the privilege of the Lord's Supper, and resting until they shall be adjudged upon due examination, to hold forth such an experimental work of faith, and seriously discov-

ering and exercise thereof as may fit them for the enjoyment and improvement of the aforesaid privileges with comfort to themselves and others, and therefore be orderly admitted thereunto by those of the church to whom that power is given by Christ—such persons thus qualified, upon their desire, upon due order observed, may themselves be entertained into a state of membership, and have their children baptized and admitted to communion in the church, so far as they are fit for the same. Also the adult children hitherto un-baptized, of considerate behavior, without selves coming up to the aforesaid qualifications, may be accepted members, and themselves baptized—Rom. ch. 14, v. 1 ; Matt. ch. 16, v. 16, 18 ; Acts ch. 8, v. 12, and ch. 18, v. 8 ; Deut. ch. 26, v. 17, 18, and ch. 29, v. 12, 13 ; John ch. 24, v. 18 ; 2d Cor. ch. 8, v. 5 ; John ch. 9, v. 21.” I also find a declaration of the faith of those who embraced “ the half-way covenant ” doctrine drawn by themselves, *minister and church*, and adopted under date of Nov. 5, 1672, as follows: “ Voted and consented to by the Elders and Brethren of the Church, that from year to year, such as grow up to adult age in the church, shall present themselves to the Elders, and if they be found to understand and assent unto the doctrine of faith, not to be scandalous in life, and willing to subject themselves to the government of Christ in this church, shall publicly own the covenant, be acknowledged members of this church. Heb. ch. 10, v. 28, 29 ; Isaiah ch. 44, v. 5. A form of words expressing the sum of the covenant to be used in the admission of members into a *state of education*: You do here publicly take hold of the covenant of the Lord as a grace-bestowing covenant, subjecting yourself to the teachings and government of Jesus Christ, in this church,

and engage according to your place and power to promote the welfare of it; and we do here publicly acknowledge you a member of this church of Christ in a *state of education*, promising to watch over you for the good of your soul, and take care of your instruction and government in the Lord, and to make you partaker of such privileges as by the rules of Christ belong unto you. A form of words to be used in the admission of members to *full communion*: You do here publicly take hold of the covenant of the Lord, giving up yourself to him to be one of His, subjecting yourself to the teaching and government of Jesus Christ in this church, and engage according to your place and power to promote the welfare thereof. And we do here publicly acknowledge you a member of the church in full communion, promising to walk towards you in brotherly love, to watch over you for the good of your soul, to take care of your instruction and government in the Lord, and make you partaker of all such privileges as by the rules of Christ belong to you."

The compendium of faith as given in the above extracts, from the writings of those that embraced it, is the most definite and full of any thing that I have been able to find on this subject. From these it is most manifest that they did not hold the *sacrament*, one or more, as a converting ordinance. Baptism was administered to such as did not profess to have experienced religion; such were considered church members, as under the watch and care, and subject to the discipline of the church, but were in "*a state of education*," not considered by themselves or the church as regenerated persons. Hence baptism was not held as a converting ordinance to them. They were not admitted to the Lord's table. They must "not essay of the breaking in upon the privilege of the Lord's

Supper." It is equally clear that a further qualification of christian character was needful before they could be admitted to the Lord's table "to full communion," and that character must be judged of upon due examination, and the question settled upon "their holding forth such an experimental work of faith and exercise thereof as would fit them for admission," and this work of faith wrought in them before coming to the Table. They furthermore say in explicit language, "the Lord's Supper, as to the subjects thereof, is not of equal extent with Baptism, therefore ought not to be administered to all the members of the church, but to those among them only as are endued with such measure of divine knowledge, spiritual affection, and lively exercise of repentance, faith, love, and new obedience, as they may feed on Christ spiritually in the eating his flesh, and drinking his blood for their spiritual nourishment, and furtherance of comfort and growth in grace." In this summary it is most clearly proved that they did not hold Baptism or the Lord's Supper, one or both, as converting ordinances; neither did they admit persons to the communion table known to be destitute of religion. It will be found moreover, in examining the controversy between Mr. Stoddard and Mr. Mather, before alluded to, that Mr. Stoddard did not attempt to maintain either of these articles of faith as they are imputed to him. The position which he assumed for claiming jurisdiction over baptized persons, bringing them under the watch, care and discipline of the church, placing them in "a state of education," and admitting them as members of the church, while they were unregenerate and destitute of religion, was upon a supposed strong and close analogy between the constitution of the Jewish and Christian Church. The masterly

argument of President Edwards, in his review of Mr. Stoddard's theory on the subject, was mainly directed to obviate arguments drawn from that source, and to show that (whatever analogy there might have been in the constitution of the church under the former and latter dispensation) none were admitted as members of the Christian Church, by authority of Christ or his Apostles, but such as professed their faith in Christ.

Those who held the doctrine of "the half-way covenant," claimed the right to exercise jurisdiction over all baptized persons on the same ground, that is, *church government* under the *Hebrew Theocracy*.

I find under date August 1714, at a meeting of an association of ministers in Hampshire County, who had adopted the "half-way covenant" system, a protestation of their faith on this point as follows:

"If any baptized person living in our towns shall fall into any scandalous transgression, though he hath not actually owned the covenant, we will proceed with such person as if he had actually owned the covenant," assigning their reasons for so doing and predicating their acts upon the following Bible authorities, Deut. ch. 17, v. 2, 3; 2d Chron. ch. 19, v. 10; Exodus ch. 24, and Deut. ch. 27.

This whole system of doctrine and practice denominated "the half-way covenant," very much resembled the ancient "catechumen" system of doctrine and practice introduced into the christian church at a very early period of its history, about the close of the first, and beginning of the second century. The Rev. Dr. Coleman, in his learned treatise "Christian Antiquities," says *Catechumens*, in the ancient church, were candidates for baptism, under instruction for admission into the christian church.

Those who were entitled to partake of the Lord's Supper were exclusively denominated the *faithful*; they occupied the rank of *approved* christians, as the "half-way covenant" would express it "in full communion." There were several other classes of persons, who, though connected with the church, and forming constituent parts of it, were separated from, and inferior to, the former, being in various stages of advancement towards a qualification for the holy rights of the gospel; these were called *catechumens*. The "half way-covenant" would consider them in "a state of education," and in process of qualification for "full communion." In the catechumen system, reading the scriptures, fasting, prayer, and various modes of catechetical and doctrinal instruction were resorted to as means for the station of "believers," or "approved christians." They were kept in this state of pupilage for different periods of time. Mr. Coleman says, "in general it lasted two or three years, sometimes much longer." When duly prepared by this instruction they were admitted into the church, as the catechumens expressed it, as "believers," "enlightened," "initiated." As those who belonged to the half-way covenant express it, "to full communion." We learn from "Christian Antiquities," as well as from other ecclesiastical history, that the Catechumens were not permitted to partake of the Eucharist, though they were members of the church; in the language of the half-way covenant believers, "they must not essay of the breaking in on the privilege of the Lord's Table."

The instruction given to the Catechumens, was such as was suited to their age and capacity, and an indispensable preliminary to their admission into the church. Catechumens were divided into several classes; these varied

in different churches. The object of all the churches was to prepare the candidate for admission by instructing him in the doctrines and duties of religion, and was deemed a great safe-guard to the church against unworthy members, by hasty admissions. It is quite manifest that those professing the half-way covenant system required more knowledge of religious truth of those they admitted to a state of education, than the primitive church required of the Catechumen. The reason for admitting these classes of persons members of the church, was because without such admission the church would not have that jurisdiction over them in instruction and discipline which was supposed to be essential for their right training to become members of the church in full communion. The catechumen system was not introduced till after the age of the Apostles. To detail more fully the two systems of the half-way covenant and the catechumen, would not be in accordance with my design in this sketch. By a comparison of the compendium of the half-way covenant, and that of the catechumen, the analogy between them will appear clear and conclusive. I cannot learn that any written summary of the faith, or covenant, or rules of action of this church, contained the half-way covenant doctrine. It is certain that none since 1756, has ever embraced any such compendium, yet there is no doubt the half-way covenant practice prevailed in this church, from its earliest existence till after Mr. Forward's settlement. The first articles of faith and church covenant adopted by this church, at its organization, are not in existence. Not many years after Mr. Forward's settlement here I find a vote of this church as follows :

“Voted, that we will not admit in future any person into the church as a member, but such as give preponder-

ating evidence, or such evidence as the circumstances of the case will admit, that they are really such as they profess to be; that is christians, and by christians we mean regenerated persons."


The date of this vote is a little uncertain, probably as late or later than 1770; but the practice in the church had prevailed, as expressed in the vote, before the vote was taken. The church articles of faith since 1756, have been those known as orthodox. From the dismissal of Mr. Billing, the people remained destitute of a settled ministry about three years and ten months; they, however, sustained preaching and maintained the ordinances. Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Pierce, and others, ministered to them. Mr. Forward came among them for a supply, by invitation, in the fall of 1755. On the 8th of December, at a precinct meeting, a committee was appointed to see him in relation to the continuing his labors among them. Mr. Forward had been engaged to supply for a time, and had fulfilled the engagement. The committee were authorized to call a meeting to consider the subject of giving him a call to settle among them. A meeting was called and holden on the ninth day of January 1756; the subject considered and a call given by a universal vote, and a committee chosen to treat with Mr. Forward, on the subject of his settlement. Various proposals were made as to terms, which were not satisfactory; the difficulty attending the negotiation seemed to arise from the fluctuation of the currency, or how to estimate the real value of nominal sums. Nominal sums were continually varying as to their intrinsic worth. It was finally proposed to offer Mr. Forward one hundred acres of land, and eighty pounds in lawful money, to be paid in labor towards building Mr. Forward a house, for settlement.

And for salary, to give him forty-six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence, lawful money the first year, and raise one pound six shillings and eight pence a year, for ten years to come, which will make it sixty pounds, and then after ten years, to pay him sixty pounds lawful money a year, so long as he continues pastor of this church, and cut and draw his fire-wood, off from Mr. Forward's own land. To the call of the people to settle with them and the proposals offered him, Mr. Forward returned the following answer.

“To the church of Christ, in the township of Cold-Spring, and to the inhabitants of said town, GREETING:

Belored and Friends.—I have taken into consideration your invitation to me, to settle among you, in the work of the gospel ministry, as manifested to me by your committee, on the evenings succeeding the 9th and the 19th of January, as also the offers of the town to induce me so to do, and proposals respecting provision for my maintenance, and outward support, in case I should settle in that work among you as manifested to me by the same committee, on the evening last mentioned, and for your good will towards me hereby manifested, I can but render you my grateful acknowledgments. I have taken the advice of those of my friends whom I had opportunity to consult respecting this affair, and I hope seriously considered, and diligently weighed and pondered the case before me, in all the apparent circumstances of it, and begged direction of Almighty God, in this important case, concern and affair, both for myself, and for you, that each might be taught and guided in the way of our duty, and in the way that might be for our best interests. I must confess that the greatness of the work and the difficulties

that attend it, have lain with no small weight upon my spirits, and at times been matter of great discouragement to me, concerning undertaking it at present, especially considering my youth and the little time and opportunity I have had to pursue the study of Divinity, so that on that account I should not have chosen to have engaged in the work of the ministry so soon. But God, who knows what is best and fittest for us infinitely better than we do what is so for our ourselves, has in the way of his Providence as we have good reason to think, all circumstances duly considered, united your hearts together to make choice of me to be your minister, which I cannot but look upon as a speaking thing in Providence ; it is what has greatly engaged my affections towards you, and seemed to make duty plain before me, and also to lay open a glorious and lovely prospect of my usefulness among you, which thing I hope and trust are with me higher and more weighty and powerful motives and inducements, to engage me to settle in the work of the ministry among you, than the prospect of any temporal reward or accommodations whatever. Not that I would be thought to speak or think lightly, or diminutively of the proffered proposal you have made me respecting my outward accommodations and maintenance among you. Indeed I cannot say that what you have offered me will be sufficient for my comfortable support and subsistence, nor can I say to the contrary, because I know not the cost of building or maintaining a family, nor what family I shall have if I should live, nor under what circumstances they or I may be. But however, I take it that the people of this town, have all along, since I first preached with you, shown a generous and good disposition towards me, and considering the fewness of their numbers, and



the circumstances of the times, made me an offer as good perhaps as was reasonable to expect, and as I desire only a comfortable support and maintenance from you, should I settle with you, so I doubt not should my necessities require more, and your circumstances admit of giving it, you would freely give it; a sufficient maintenance being the thing, and that only which is desired or proposed by each party, I must therefore, as is my duty, notwithstanding all difficulties and discouragements comply with and be obedient to, what appears to me to be the Heavenly call, and I hope, I do it cheerfully and for the sake of God, and the interests of religion. At present therefore I know of nothing, upon supposition that the neighboring ministers advise to it, may hinder my settling among you and think to accept your invitation and offers, hoping that we may be blessings to, and blessed in and with each other, so wishing and praying that grace, mercy and peace may be multiplied unto you abundantly,

I remain your assured friend,

JUSTUS FORWARD."

Dated at my Lodgings, in Cold-Spring, Jan. 29, Anno Domini, 1756.

No sooner was this answer given than measures were taken for Mr. Forward's ordination, which took place on the twenty-fifth day of February, 1756. He was then in the 26th year of his age. To this time the number of inhabitants had increased to sixty families—three hundred souls; there were sixty-eight communicants, thirty-three males thirty-five females. These were, with the exception of a very few, members of *this* church; some very few, who had came into the place while the people were destitute of a minister, had deferred connecting themselves with *this* church, who were professors of religion, but did not transfer their church relation to this

church till after Mr. Forward's ordination; this accounts for the fact that a few names stand as members of the church, on the church records at the time of his ordination, whose names are found as uniting with *this church* after his settlement.

As early as the year 1757 measures were taken to obtain an act of incorporation with town privileges. The settlers had no power to tax nonresident lands for parochial charges, to pay a minister or build a meeting house; that could be done only by *special* authority from the General Court; this had embarrassed them from their first settlement. There was a conflicting interest between *resident* and *non-resident* proprietors on this subject. Resident proprietors, in a petition dated December 1754, to the General Court, say they are destitute of a minister and unable to go through with the expense of settling one, and pray for leave to assess a small tax on *all* lands. This was opposed by *non-resident* proprietors. By way of remonstrance February 26th 1755, they say, "this tract was equivalent land and purchased without any conditions or limitations. One third was sold to persons to bring forward a settlement, but they culled out the best; their one third is in fact equal in value to all the rest; yet proprietors (non-resident) agreed to be taxed for meeting-house and minister. A meeting-house was built, and Mr. Billing settled. After a long controversy and debate Mr. Billing was dismissed. And now the inhabitants petition for a tax to settle another. We think this unreasonable, as we were not obliged originally to pay any thing, and pray that no power be given to raise a tax." The remonstrance prevailed; no tax was then granted. In 1756 another petition of similar import was made to the General Court. In Jan. 1757, the power was given by the Legislature, and a tax of one

half a penny an acre was assessed ; this greatly relieved and encouraged the people. The greatest obstacle in the way of the prosperity of the place, and which was most embarrassing to the settlers, was their inability to tax the property here for the support of their religious institutions, making that support unequal and troublesome. So long as that inability existed they were not successful ; lands were not taken, population was stationary and the people were discouraged ; when the difficulty was removed, and power given for a general tax, the people prospered.

At a precinct meeting, held December 29th 1760, a committee was appointed to present a petition to the General Court for an act of incorporation as a town. In March 1761, it was presented, and on the 23d day of June 1761, an act passed incorporating the town by the name of *Belcherstown*, in honor of JONATHAN BELCHER, formerly a large land proprietor here. He was Governor of the Province of Massachusetts, from 1730 to 1740. A warrant was issued by the General Court for calling the first meeting, directed to Elcazer Porter, Esq. one of his Majesty's Justices for the County of Hampshire, to call the inhabitants together to organize and choose town officers, and a town meeting was held in pursuance of it, Sept. 30th 1761. I have not been able to find any data from which we can learn the population of the town, at the time of its incorporation. From the ratio of increase for several years before and several years after, we may infer that there were five hundred and sixty, or about that number. Soon after the act of incorporation, their attention was called to the subject of public schools. Nothing thus far in their history shows that any thing had ever been raised by tax and assessed upon the inhabitants for the support of schools. They have, however, left evi-

dence, from their acts and doings and records, of intelligence, and capacity to do business, and that correctly and efficiently. The youth were instructed, in that day, so as to prepare them for usefulness; they were taught in the family, with diligence; parents had qualified themselves to instruct their children; they were taught to read and write, and the use of figures, and the modes of doing business; multitudes who never attended a district school a day in their life gained the requisite knowledge. Children were, under parental discipline, required to improve their time usefully; stated periods were set apart to instruct the children of the family by the parents, and they were trained to regular, sober and industrious habits. There was a moral and religious training, exceedingly useful for every department of life; children were restrained from going where temptations assail. It was not deemed evidence of high promise in children of puritan stock, to disrespect parental authority, or for the young to assume the airs of rudeness and insolence to age and superior worth. Children and youth, in those days, were not wiser than their fathers while they were yet children in age and knowledge, and before they had learned obedience to parental authority. The more carefully we examine the usages of that day in family discipline, family instruction, and a religious influence imparted to the minds of children, in forming right habits, the more we shall find to admire and to reverence. A single recorded instance in this matter illustrates a general practice, among religious families to a greater or less extent, and the effects. It is recorded, that "Joshua Dickinson Forward, only son of Rev. Justus Forward, was drowned at Hatfield, June 28th 1765, aged seven years and seven months. He was a pious child. He had read his Bible through twice in

course." It is doubtful whether this child had ever attended the district school or any other, out of the family, a day in his life ; at that day the people of this place, precinct and town, had raised by a tax and assessment for public schools only twenty-six dollars and sixty-six cents. A common prosperity attended the people ; the ratio of increase in population was slow. For the first thirteen years after the settlement of Mr. Billing, the population doubled ; and again doubled in the next thirteen years, or nearly that. For the next succeeding seventy years, the population doubled once in about twenty-seven years. The ratio of increase was larger in the earlier part of this period than in the latter part of it. The average number of deaths annually for fifty-six years next following 1756, was about fifteen ; total eight hundred and forty-five. Under one year of age, one hundred and seventy-five ; between one and ten years, two hundred and seven ; between ten and twenty, seventy-nine ; between twenty and thirty, seventy-seven ; between thirty and forty, sixty-four ; between forty and fifty, thirty ; between fifty and sixty, forty-seven ; between sixty and seventy, fifty-seven ; between seventy and eighty, fifty-five ; between eighty and ninety, forty-three ; between ninety and one hundred, nine ; and two over one hundred years. During the same period there were nine hundred sixty-nine baptisms and four hundred and fifty marriages.

In common with their countrymen, they were brought to feel the embarrassments and the deprivations by reason of British aggressions as early as 1768. Their religion as well as their views of civil liberty and individual rights, forbade their acquiescence under them. Through the whole period of the revolutionary struggle, with great and entire unanimity, they maintained the cause of freed romand

bore their share of the burdens with heroic fortitude and christian faithfulness. They held it a christian duty to oppose oppression in all its approaches ; no arbitrary power trifling with human rights, however attired by forms of law, could gain their respect, or approval, or support ; edicts of terror, whether fulminated from the throne or vatican, were alike disobeyed and disregarded. They obeyed a higher law than despots ever forged, from higher authority, with higher motives, and to execute higher purposes. On a day that tried men's souls they declared it, under date September 1774, when the regular forms of law and justice were suspended and the evils of anarchy and insubordination sorely felt ; in public meeting assembled affixing their signatures to the following solemn compact ; " We declare that we will take no unreasonable liberties or advantage from the suspension of the course of law, but we engage to conduct ourselves agreeable to the *Laws of God*, of reason, of humanity, and we hereby engage to use all prudent and justifiable and necessary measures to secure and defend each other's persons and families, their lives, rights, and properties, against all who shall attempt to hurt, injure or invade them, and to secure and defend to ourselves and our posterity our just and constitutional rights and privileges." Such a declaration is worthy of those who framed it ; it bears the stamp of puritanic faithfulness and decision ; it breathes the spirit of Moses, of Daniel, of Paul, and of the faithful in all ages.

Our fathers did not forget to entertain strangers ; they also possessed the spirit of imparting religious instruction to the poor and the wanderer. Under date of September 23d 1774, at a town meeting, a vote passed, " to pay Lieut. Joseph Smith and Lieut. Joseph Graves twenty

four shillings each for going to Brookfield to carry the Missionary Interpreter and six Oneida Indians." Whether a vote could be now (1851) carried in a town meeting in Belchertown, to pay twenty-four shillings for the advancement of any missionary enterprise, demands a doubt. Amidst all their trials and embarrassments, the war of the revolution and its attendant deprivations, they sustained their religious institutions with constancy and promptitude. They were not forsaken by Him "that keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations." Near the close of the year 1784, and beginning of 1785, the people were favored with a memorable revival of religion; the most signal, by far, of any the church had experienced during the first seventy years of its existence. From the testimony of persons then there, and from those who were subjects of the work, we are led to believe it was very genuine in its character, and attended with the gentle and powerful influences of the spirit, without spurious or fanatical movements. It has uniformly been so represented. It continued about one year and nine months, during which time, that is, between February 2d, 1785, and November 5th, 1786, inclusive, fifty-eight persons united with the church by profession; about as many as united with it for the next succeeding nineteen years. I have known several of those persons who were admitted to the church during that season. They view the subject in the same light; the impression given to their minds and hearts by it, was evidently made by the same impress, and was indelible. In the course of my inquiry for materials for this narrative, of aged ones once here, and conversant with the history of the place many years ago, I had an interview with a venerable aged man, once living

here, and who united with this church during this revival in 1785, now nearly ninety years of age, and residing in another place, where he has resided more than sixty years. During the conversation, casting his thoughts back to the days of other years, now gone, and when a resident here, he adverted to this revival with a feeling of interest and fervor of expression, which description can but feebly give. The events and scenes of that revival seemed to awaken every power of his soul ; those things, said he, " I well remember ; during that year, from February 1785 to February 1786, forty-four united with that church. There I stood, with many by me, in solemn assembly, embracing my covenant vows. Of that forty-four, said he, two became preachers of the gospel, and six became deacons of churches, and all are now dead, as I suppose, but three of us." The interview was an instructing one. There was the venerable saint, strengthened and animated by the spirit that breathed upon him sixty-five years before, now seeming to hover over him, and renew the promise, " he that hath begun a good work in you, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." The Rev. Amasa Smith and the Rev. John Smith, D. D., were the two then uniting with the church, that became ministers of the gospel. These men will be noticed in the chronological columns, in numbers, representing names, (229) and (248). Also, the Rev. Eli Smith experienced religion during the same period, though he did not unite with the church till 1788. (No. 279). These three ministers were brothers—sons of deacon Joseph Smith (No. 9). Also, the Rev. Ethan Smith, son of Dea. Elijah Smith, (No. 11), was I suppose, among the number that experienced religion during that revival here, though he did not unite with this church. He immediately commenced a course of classical study

with a view to the gospel ministry, entered Dartmouth College, and graduated in 1790 ; studied theology, and was first settled in the ministry in Haverhill, New Hampshire. He was there ordained, January 25th, 1792, remained in the ministry there till June 23d, 1799, when he was dismissed, and received a call from the church and society in Hopkinton, same state, to settle there, and was installed in that place March 12th, 1800 ; remained in the ministry there till December 16th, 1817, when he was dismissed ; was again installed over a church in Hebron, state of New York, February 26th, 1818 ; dismissed August 29th, 1821 ; again installed in Poultney, Vermont, November 21st, 1821 ; and dismissed December 29th, 1826 ; again installed in Hanover, Massachusetts, May 16th, 1827 ; dismissed about 1832. After this period he acted as city missionary in Boston, and as an agent for various Bible societies, continuing his active labors in the ministry till his death. He died at the residence of his son-in-law, Rev. William H. Sanford, of Boylston, Massachusetts, August 29th, 1849, in the 87th year of his age. Mr. Smith was an exceeding active and laborious minister, always striving to advance the spiritual interests of his fellow men. Several of the dismissals that occurred in his ministry, arose solely from the inability of his people to give him an adequate support.

In doctrine and in life he was a genuine representative of the puritanic stock, in the stern and reliable elements of his character. The Bible was his text book. He studied it. He preached it, and experienced the consolations of its promises. He published several works. One "On the Prophecies," one "A key to the Revelations." His publications show diligent investigation and biblical knowledge. His religious affections were

ardent and constant, his hope of a blessed immortality firm and unshaken.

The house occupied now as a place of public worship was erected in 1789, and dedicated to the solemn worship of God, September 12th, 1792. It was built by individual enterprise. The old house had become useless ; it stood about seventy-five rods south of the present house ; a new one was needed. The question of location arose ; some persons in the extreme parts of the town, proposed a division of the town into two, north and south, by an east and west line through what is now the center ; this measure had its advocates. The necessity of a place for public worship, and a desire to reconcile all discordant feelings on this point, induced sundry of the inhabitants to make personal and pecuniary sacrifices to accomplish these desired ends. Col. Elijah Dwight, was a very prominent actor in erecting this house. He was a deacon in the church ; see (215). He made a liberal donation to the town, and suffered pecuniary losses in the work. He was a benefactor to the town. In about four years after they began to worship in the new house, the subject was brought before the people of settling a colleague with Rev. Mr. Forward. He had then been the settled minister here about 40 years. I should infer from the proceedings, that it was his desire to have a colleague. At a church meeting held for the purpose of considering this subject, September 29th, 1796, a vote was taken by the church, "that it is expedient to settle a colleague with Rev. Mr. Forward." This vote was brought before the society ; and after some discussion met with an indefinite postponement ; and no colleague was settled with him till March, 1812, about two years before Mr. Forward's death. He continued in the faithful and prompt discharge of the duties of the pastoral office be-

yond the age of four score years. He died March 8th, 1814, in the 59th year of his ministry, and in the 84th year of his age. He was married December 8th, 1756, to Violet, daughter and only child of Mr. Joshua Dickinson, of Hatfield; they had eleven children. Two only survived him, one son and one daughter. He lived to follow to the grave more than nine hundred of his people, and more than three times the number of his whole congregation at the time of his settlement. It would seem but a tribute justly due to him, who was the adviser, the spiritual guide and teacher of this church, for half of the one hundred and fourteen years since they have had a church existence, to turn a passing thought to his memory and his character. A very short sketch is all that such a summary as this would justify. I am aware of the difficulty of doing this as it should be. It is easy to give a common-place eulogy to a character, and no more than is justly due, and yet it may be far from a life-picture of the original. Such is the almost infinite variety of character—the nice and subtle shades of distinction by which it is marked, that to give it the stamp of truth, requires the touch of a master's hand. All men have something in common, yet each has his distinctive identity, that must be drawn; for that alone makes the difference between him of whom it is predicable and every other person; this is as true in the personal, intellectual and moral traits forming character, as it is in features and in countenance, by which men are distinguished. Mr. Forward's character was strongly marked by the stern, faithful, unassuming, considerate traits, showing his puritanic lineage. He was born in Suffield, Connecticut, May 11th, 1730, old style. His ancestors were from Devonshire, England. Samuel Forward, his great grandfather, left England dur-

ing the corrupt, profligate and licentious reign of Charles 2d, came to New England among the pilgrim fathers, about the year 1666, settled at Windsor, Connecticut, before that town was incorporated, died there in 1684, as appears by the records of that town ; (his name is there written Foward). He left two sons, Samuel and Joseph. Samuel, the grandfather of Mr. Forward, was born in Windsor, in 1671 ; married and settled in Simsbury, had four sons and two daughters. Joseph, the father of Mr. Forward, was born at Simsbury, November, 1707, married Mary Lawton, of Suffield, and removed there where he resided several years, and removed to a parish in Simsbury, (now Granby, Connecticut), where he carried on his business, a tanner, saddler, and a large farming concern. Justus was the eldest child ; under the faithful and pious training of his parents, he hopefully experienced religion at about fourteen years of age. It will be seen by a comparison of dates, that Mr. Forward experienced religion during the great revival in New England in the days of President Edwards, a very important period in the history of the New England churches, and will continue to be so regarded as long as New England churches exist. In 1740, powerful revivals existed in one hundred and fifty congregations in New England. In 1735, there were two hundred hopeful converts in six months in Northampton, and ten of them about ninety years of age. Soon after Mr. Forward experienced religion, he became desirous of entering on a course of study, preparatory to the gospel ministry. His father's consent was obtained, he began a course of classical study, and was fitted to enter college at Commencement, September, 1748. At that time a sore sickness visited his father's family, of which four out of seven children died, in the course of

about three weeks. This deep family affliction, seemed for a time to hedge up the way for pursuing his studies. The afflicted parents felt that Justus must not leave the paternal roof, even for the high and laudable purpose of preparation for the gospel ministry. Yielding to these wishes of his parents, he suspended his studies for two years, and remained at home in the active duties of his father's business. Not relinquishing his chosen purpose, he again sought and obtained his father's consent to the renewal of his studies, and entered Yale College September 1750, and passed the four years in college with reputation to himself and the esteem and confidence of the college faculty. He was a correct classical scholar, and so distinguished himself in the languages, that at the close of senior year, the faculty conferred on him the "Dean's Bounty," (sometimes called the Berklian prize), as their testimony of his scholarship. He did not remain at New Haven after his graduation to receive the pecuniary benefit which the prize offered. He left there, went to Hatfield, and engaged in teaching a school, and at the same time pursued a course of theological study with the Rev. Timothy Woodbridge, then the minister of Hatfield. He was licensed to preach in the fall of 1755, and soon after license, by invitation, came to supply the people here. He never preached elsewhere as a candidate; his whole ministerial life was here. The powers and the faculties of his long and useful life, were consecrated to the best good of this people, and he was diligent in well doing. He possessed a well balanced mind; if it did not take so wide a range, or so high a flight as that of some other men, it moved in sure, safe and well directed courses. He possessed much of what is sometimes called forecast of thought in drawing just conclusions from a given course

of measures. He was preeminently a matter-of-fact man ; no one could hear him converse but must feel that he was instructed by his conversation ; even in old age, he possessed the rare faculty of interesting the young, by his conversation. He was useful to his people in many ways. In his early ministry, the people few, there was no practising physician in the place and none near ; he became very useful to his people in sickness ; by reading and practising he obtained considerable knowledge of medicine, and turned his knowledge to the best practical account. This gave him a two-fold advantage for doing good ; while administering to their physical wants, he gained a knowledge of their spiritual wants, and was always ready to meet them. He was decided in his views of duty in the days of the Revolution. He was opposed to British aggressions on American rights. He wrote for the periodical press in those times and his labors were well received.

As a sermonizer, clearness, simplicity, and solemnity characterized his performances ; no attempts at display or embellishment ; with single-heartedness convincing all that heard him that he was "honest in the sacred cause." He studied the works of God, and read useful instruction from the passing events around him. If he was not so learned, as some men count learning, as others that might be found, he was truly a wise man. In his theology, he was strictly evangelical. I use this term as it is used by the orthodox in New England, rather than as it is now used in the German schools. The doctrines of the reformation preached by Calvin, John Knox, Owen, John Howe, and Baxter, and transplanted by the pilgrim fathers to New England and here taught by the Mayhews, the Mathers, and Edwards of New England, were his doctrines and the doctrines of this church, ever after his set-

tlement. In his public discourses, he dwelt much on the practical influences of these doctrines on the heart and life. He did not fail to preach the doctrines, but did not make them the exclusive theme of his discourses to so great an extent as some did.

In all his intercourse with his people, pastoral visits, schools, the sick room, and elsewhere, he was kind, affectionate, faithful, striving to advance the highest interest of all. Such was the life of this aged, venerable servant of Christ; such a life tends to a peaceful and happy death; such was his. I well remember a short interview I had with him a day or two before his death. His last sickness was short. I called to see him; he was sitting in his chair, very feeble, but could converse, and did so freely. He said he did not expect to live but a very short time. Death said he, is very near; soon I must stand before God in judgment. I have not those transporting views that some express in the near prospect of death, and when I think of my short-comings in what God has required of me, it seems as if I ought not to hope in his mercy, and I may be self-deceived; but Christ is my hope, and I think I know in whom I have trusted, and that he will keep that I have entrusted to him to the day of my redemption. He died as he lived, humble, patient, submissive, relying upon the promises, and resting his all upon the rock of ages. The memory of such men is peaceful and their immortality blessed. Mrs. Forward survived her husband twenty years; she died March 27th, 1834, at the advanced age of ninety-five years four months and twelve days. She was active and useful in the stations she occupied, cheerful, with a great flow of the kindest feelings, benevolent, hospitable, and her whole character adorned by the graces of the spirit. She outlived

her faculties, mental and physical. Her mind became so impaired that she did not know her own family, for some two years before her death.

About two years before the death of Mr. Forward, the Rev. Experience Porter was installed as colleague pastor with him. He was installed the 11th of March, 1812. Mr. Porter was a native of Lebanon, New Hampshire, son of deacon Nathaniel Porter, of that place. He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1803. Upon leaving college, he was appointed a tutor in the college at Middlebury, Vermont, that college being then in its infancy. He officiated as tutor one year, during which time his attention was given to theological studies, so far as was consistent with his college duties. At the close of the year, he entered the Divinity school of the Rev. Asahel Hooker, in Goshen, Connecticut, where he finished his theological course and was licensed to preach. While a licentiate he supplied in various places. In September 1807, he received a call to settle in Winchester, New Hampshire. To this call he gave a favorable answer, and was ordained over the church and people at Winchester, November 12th, 1807. He remained in the faithful discharge of his pastoral duties at Winchester, until the 20th of February, 1810, when he was dismissed, at his own request, by a mutual council convened for that purpose. After his dismissal he preached in various places till January, 1812, when by invitation he came for a supply to this place; and after preaching several Sabbaths, received a unanimous call from the church and society to settle with them in the gospel ministry, as colleague pastor, with Rev. Mr. Forward. During Mr. Porter's connection with this people there were two revivals of religion. The first commenced in 1812, and continued about one year, and

was general in all parts of the town. During the year 1813, there were one hundred and seven persons united with the church upon a public profession of their faith. The next commenced in the fall of 1818, and continued about the same length of time. Before the close of 1819, there were two hundred and eight persons added to the church by a profession of religion, as the fruit of this revival. It was a season of great anxiety and most intense feeling upon the public mind ; religious meetings were very frequent, and attended in crowds ; the labors of the pastor, were exceedingly arduous ; ministerial assistance was sought from abroad ; many inquiring the way to Zion, and her gates seemed to be pressed by those who were entering the Kingdom ; many will doubtless remember those days with joy so long as memory endures, and even in eternity will look back to that season as the day of their espousal to the Lord Jesus Christ. The church was greatly increased, strengthened and refreshed ; the friends of Zion will ever rejoice in the blessed fruits of that religious revival. Mr. Porter, in his farewell sermon, preached March 6th, 1825, says, "among the hundreds to whom I have opened the door of this church, some have as we trust, already sat down to the marriage supper of the Lamb, and very many more as we may reasonably hope are prepared to join that blessed society ; but of some I might say with the apostle, "I am afraid of you lest I have bestowed upon you labor in vain." Faithful narrative requires me to say, in the subsequent history of some, lamentable evidence has been given of great delinquency in christian character ; some who seemed for a time to run well fell away ; their religion seemed to be, "as the morning cloud and the early dew that goeth away." There is great reason to fear that the caution and circumspection of the church and the pastor

did not furnish sufficient safe-guards against accessions of some unworthy members to the church. It is hoped that at the great and final trial, if any such must be found, the number will be few; whatever the number may be, the revelations of that day will disclose. The pastoral relation between Mr. Porter and this people continued till March 9th, 1825, when he was dismissed by a council mutually chosen by him and his people for the purpose. His health had become impaired, for several months before his dismissal, so much so that he had been able to preach only a portion of the time. After his dismissal he preached but little; he lingered under the disease which gradually wasted his strength, and which proved to lie beyond the reach of all means resorted to for arresting its progress, and terminated fatally. He died at Lebanon, New Hampshire, on the 25th day of August, 1828, aged forty-six.

Mr. Porter possessed strong powers of mind, and was gifted with very ready faculties; he wrote with great rapidity; his style of writing was more characterized by boldness and strength than by a highly cultivated taste, or classical accuracy. He spoke with ease; in his presentation of truth to his congregation, his appeals were cogent and effectual. In his public discourses, the general features of his subject were apprehended with great facility. If there was any failure in doing ample justice to it in the discussion, it arose from want of discrimination in the analyzing and presentation, in its varied parts and aspects. His theology was strictly Calvinistic, and in his pulpit exercises, he dwelt much on the leading doctrines; this created, to a considerable extent, uniformity in his discourses. His voice was full and deep toned, his manner in the desk self-possessed, easy and deliberate, making a deep impression on the hearer. The church was greatly increased during

his ministry. "When I was installed," says Mr. Porter in his sermon, "the church consisted of one hundred and ninety members; since that time four hundred and twenty five have been received; of whom three hundred and forty-five were received by profession, and eighty by letters from other churches." It may be added that during the thirteen years of his ministry here, about as many persons united with this church by profession as had united with it in the same way during the whole eighty years of its existence previous to that period. He labored to impress upon the hearts of others the great truths of the gospel, which his own heart bore witness were impressed upon his. During the long and wasting disease that was preying upon him, he had seasons of darkness and despondency; at times doubts and fears assailed him; these were but temporary, and as he gradually drew near the close they were removed; his prospect brightened and his hopes were steadfast. He died in faith, sustained in an unshaken trust of a blessed immortality. In October 1806, he married Miss Sarah Smith, a daughter of Dr. Phineas Smith, formerly of Sharon, Connecticut. Dr. Smith was a near relative of the Hon. John Cotton Smith, for several years Governor of Connecticut. At about sixteen years of age, Mrs. Porter lost her parents; from that period, she resided in the family of an uncle, her father's brother, Dan Smith, Esq., of West Haven, Vermont, for about six years before her marriage, in the reciprocal interchanges of those acts of kindness and mutual attachments that belong to the endearing relation of parents and child. The traits of her character were such as secured the respect and esteem of all those acquainted with her. She had a mind well furnished with fruits of various and well selected reading. During the whole period of Mr. Porter's

ministry here, her health was feeble; this necessarily forbade, to a great extent, those active labors and exercises for the benefit of those around her, which were the promptings of her heart; what health and strength she had were consecrated to the best of purposes. In the sermon, at her funeral, by the Rev. Dr. Woodbridge, he says, "in her intellectual character she possessed a vigor and a decision which would have fitted her for no ordinary attainments in science; her judgment was clear, her reasoning faculty active and acute, and her imagination tempered and subdued by sound discretion. Her remarks on every subject, of which she professed to have any knowledge, indicated the habit of thought, and of becoming independence in forming her opinions. She early made a public profession of religion; she was strict and conscientious in the duties of religion. She took a deep interest in the prosperity of the Redeemer's kingdom." The christian graces were seen in her whole character, and in constant exercise; they sustained her in the last great trying conflict. She died April 18th, 1825, aged forty-four.

In the spring of 1818, a Sabbath school was first introduced as a Sabbath exercise in this church and society, and has been continued ever since. Those who then comprised the classes were children and youth. The exercises, the committing to memory texts of scripture, and verses from the hymn books, and rehearsing them. The minister appointed the superintendent and the conductors of the school. The same year Sabbath schools were opened in many of the churches and religious societies in this community, for the first time. The utility of these schools has been fully tested, and the improvements by experience realized; in no one thing perhaps more than

in bringing those of all ages and conditions in life, into them for Bible instruction.

After the dismission of Rev. Mr. Porter, the people remained without a settled ministry about seven months. The Rev. Lyman Coleman had supplied the desk several Sabbaths, by invitation, during the year 1824, while ill health suspended the labors of Mr. Porter; soon after Mr. Porter's dismission, (May following), Mr. Coleman was again invited to supply the desk. He preached a succession of Sabbaths and remained several weeks among us. On the 8th of August, a vote passed in the church expressing a desire to extend a call to him, which was responded to by the society, and a unanimous call was given him; in due time he signified his acceptance. A Council was called, and the following clergymen participated in his ordination :

Rev. Artemas Boies, of South Hadley, made the introductory prayer, Rev. Dr. Joel Hawes, of Hartford, preached the sermon, from 2d Thess. 2, 8th; Rev. Nathan Perkins, of Amherst, made the consecrating prayer; Rev. Dr. Ely, of Monson, gave the charge; and Rev. William C. Fowler, then of Greenfield, and since a Professor in the College at Middlebury and at Amherst, gave the right hand of fellowship; and the Rev. Ebenezer B. Wright, of Ludlow, offered the concluding prayer. Mr. Coleman remained here in the ministry nearly seven years. He was settled October 19th, 1825. A kind providence smiled on his labors; the society increased and the church enlarged; some of the advances, showing a prosperous state of things among us, may be seen by a few extracts from Mr. Coleman's farewell sermon, preached on the 9th September 1832, the Sabbath next after his dismission, from 2d Cor. 13th and 11th, "Finally brethren, farewell." After the

introduction in this discourse, Mr. Coleman speaks of his own discouragements, and says "God grant that my lack of service may be supplied by the communications of his grace to you." "Some portion of good, I must believe, has been done, and in this I rejoice, and will rejoice to my latest breath." In the progress of the sermon, he recapitulates as follows: "on my coming among you, the Sabbath school was composed of a limited number of children and youth, with scarce a single individual of adult age. The system of organization has since been entirely changed. A more thorough and efficient system of instruction has been introduced, and the school has been increased by a large portion of the congregation, who by their age and influence give character to the institution." "Soon after my settlement, a Sabbath school library was commenced, which now contains more than seven hundred bound volumes." "In this connection, the alteration and enlargement of this house of public worship ought to be mentioned." The alteration and enlargement here alluded to was made in 1828; the house was enlarged and the inside entirely constructed anew, at an expense of over three thousand dollars. He continues and says, "of scarcely less importance was the fitting up of a neat and commodious place for social worship." In 1830, this place (vestry) was provided for social religious meetings, principally by individual enterprise. He further says, "a spirit of christian benevolence has also been considerably excited, and the public charities of the people increased since the commencement of my ministry." He then refers to the *temperance reformation*; the first efficient efforts on this subject here were in 1827. He says, "the results have been most important to the interests of this community; our numbers have gradually increased from ~~eleven~~ up to more than seven

hundred, comprising a large portion of the influence and character of the place." "At the lowest calculation, the temperance reformation must be an annual saving to the town of several thousand dollars, and yet this is really the least of all considerations connected with this reformation; it is the salvation of life, of happiness, of the soul itself." After alluding to various other things showing similar results, he says, "whilst I have sustained the pastoral office in this church, one hundred seventy-eight have been added to its body, forty-five by recommendation from other churches, and one hundred thirty-three by a public profession of their faith in Christ; the church at the time of my settlement, consisted of three hundred sixty-four members; it now consists of four hundred fifty-seven, showing an increase of almost one hundred." There was an unusual religious interest among this people in 1831. It is not the object of this narrative to detail the causes that led to Mr. Coleman's dismissal; they are now matters of history, and will be recollected by many still among us; if from them are drawn useful lessons of instruction for the future, they may thus far be beneficial. In alluding to them, in drawing his discourse to a close, Mr. Coleman says, "we are all hastening to the judgment seat of Christ, where our motives will be fully known, and where these our relations will be severely scrutinized. That meeting at the judgment seat of Christ! Oh! it is enough to hush every unhallowed feeling of the heart. There we shall meet no more to judge one another, but to be judged of Him on whose dread decision our character and our destiny depend. There all my official conduct towards you will be justly estimated, and there too all your treatment of me, and of my gospel will be laid open." Mr. Coleman asked and took a dismission against the wishes of a large majori-

ty of the people. This fact was fully tested by votes in parish meeting and in various other ways ; probably three fourths of the parish were desirous that he should not leave them ; yet a minority, and that not numerous, but active and unyielding, sought a separation ; at a society meeting held September 4th, 1832, for the purpose of considering the subject of Mr. Coleman's request for a dismissal, the following votes passed :

Voted, "That this society accord with the request made by Rev. Lyman Coleman, that the pastoral relation between him and this people be dissolved."

Voted, "That while this society expresses by vote their accordance with the wishes of Mr. Coleman, expressed in his request, they would say that it is with the deepest feelings of regret that such an event must take place ; nearly seven years has elapsed since his settlement here as the minister of this people. The ability, the assiduity, the faithfulness, and untiring devotion with which the duties of the sacred office have been discharged by him during his labors among us, have associated him in our feelings with our fairest prospects and brightest hopes. We had cherished the pleasing expectation that a beneficent Providence would continue him as the minister of this people for a great while yet to come ; though we are cut short in this, we would express our grateful acknowledgment to the great Head of the church, for continuing him so long the minister of this people." The church passed a vote expressive of the same feelings with the society. There was no opposition expressed in the church or society in the passing of these votes. He was dismissed on the 4th of September, 1832. Immediately upon his dismissal he received an invitation to take charge as Principal of the " Burr Seminary,"

a literary institution, established at Manchester, Vermont. He remained at the head of that institution till 1837, when he was invited to take charge of the "Teachers' Seminary," at Andover, Massachusetts; he entered on the duties there, and remained at that Seminary till September, 1842. Resigning his office there, he made arrangements for a voyage to Europe; sailed from New York, November 29th, same year, in a vessel bound to Hamburg; passed the winter in the city of Berlin. A leading object with Mr. Coleman, in visiting Europe, was to obtain materials for a revised edition of his work, "Christian Antiquities," and in preparation for another work, "The Primitive Church," or "Church without a Bishop." At Berlin, he had great facilities, in aiding him in the object of his inquiries. He was in habitual conference with Dr. Neander, the great historian; spent the winter and spring, in close application at Berlin, in gathering materials to perfect his object in his contemplated works above mentioned. He visited various parts of Germany, France, Belgium, England, Scotland and Wales. On his return home the next year he was engaged in instruction at Amherst, Massachusetts, and at Auburn, New York. These two works above named, have been published, and very favorably received by the public, as valuable standard works. They have recently been reprinted in London. He has published another work "Historical Geography;" five editions of this work have gone from the press. Mr. Coleman has published some other works of a more limited extent, "Historical Sketch, and the Christian Sabbath," and others, giving evidence of laborious study and extensive research. Mr. Coleman was a native of Middlefield, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, born June, 1796, son of Dr. William

Coleman, then a practising physician of that place, and now residing in Pittsfield, Massachusetts; and grand-son of Dr. Seth Coleman, formerly of Amherst, Massachusetts, who died there, September 9th, 1816, aged 76,—a man well known in his day as a skilful physician, and of distinguished piety. Mr. Coleman was a graduate of Yale College in 1817; held the office of tutor in that College five years; studied theology at the Divinity School at Yale; settled in the ministry here, October 19, 1825. In September, 1826, he married Miss Maria Flynt, daughter of Rufus Flynt, Esq., of Monson, Massachusetts. He received the Honorary Degree of D. D., from Nassau Hall College, in 1848; is now engaged in classical instruction in the city of Philadelphia.

After Mr. Coleman's dismissal, the people remained without a settled minister, about one year. In June, 1833, an invitation was given to Rev. Jared Reid, to supply the desk. Mr. Reid had been settled at Reading, Massachusetts, and dismissed. He came among us and supplied the desk for several Sabbaths. On the 22d of July, at a meeting of the church, a vote was taken to give him a call to settle, if the society acceded to the vote. This they did, and a unanimous call was given him to settle with us in the gospel ministry. In due time he returned an affirmative answer, and he was installed to the pastoral office September 4, 1833. Mr. Reid is son of Mr. Samuel Reid, a native of Fall River, Massachusetts. He moved to Preston, Connecticut, where Rev. Mr. Reid was born, February 1788; graduated at Yale College 1817, (a class-mate with Rev. Mr. Coleman); studied Theology at Andover; was licensed to preach April 1822; settled in the ministry at Reading, November 20, 1823; dismissed 1833. November 27, 1823, he

married Miss Sarah Bigelow, from Colchester, Connecticut. Mrs. Reid was exceedingly active and devoted in her labors in advancing the religious interests of the community where she was. She was sympathetic in affliction, faithful in her admonitions to the careless and indifferent, and constant in her appeals to all to attend to the one thing needful. No suitable opportunity was left unimproved by her, of communicating spiritual benefits to those within the reach of her influence. In her last sickness, she gave abundant evidence that her hope of a blessed immortality was as an anchor to her soul, sure and steadfast. She died at Tiverton, Rhode Island, where Mr. Reid was stationed, on the 11th of February, 1845, aged fifty-eight.

During the ministry of Mr. Reid here the church was divided, another church organized, and a society formed in connection with it, known as the BRAINERD CHURCH and SOCIETY. The causes of this division did not arise from dissatisfaction with Mr. Reid, but from causes entirely distinct from his ministry. It is no part of the object of this narrative to detail them. They are well known to many now in this community. They were not occasioned by a difference in faith, or doctrine. The two churches were in christian fellowship, each sustaining stated, constant worship. Mr. Reid continued his labors in the first church, which were attended with prosperity to the church and people, till January, 1841, when he requested a dismissal from his church and people. A mutual council was called for the purpose, and he was dismissed January 6, 1841.

The Brainerd Church was organized on the 30th September, 1834. Sixty-eight members of the first church had obtained certificates of their church standing, with a

view of calling an ecclesiastical council, to consider the subject of forming another church. This was done with the consent of the first church. The council convened by letters missive, and the subject was presented. The following Churches, Pastors and Delegates, composed that Council. From the first church in Northampton, Rev. Joseph Penny, D. D., and Br. Asahel Lyman, Delegate; from the Edwards Church, Northampton, Rev. John Todd, and Br. Thomas Napier, delegate; from the first church in Hadley, Rev. John Brown, D. D., Pastor, and Dea. Jacob Smith, delegate; from the first Church in South Hadley, Rev. Artemas Boies, pastor, and Rev. B. R. Woodbridge, delegate; from the East Church in Amherst, Rev. Nathan Perkins, pastor, and Gen. Ebenezer Mattoon, delegate; from the church in Enfield, Rev. Joshua Crosby and Rev. Sumner G. Clapp, pastors, and Br. Eliphaz Jones, delegate; from the church in Monson, Rev. Alfred Ely, D. D., pastor, and Dea. S. Shaw, delegate; from the church in Brimfield, Rev. Joseph Vail; from the First Church in Belchertown, Rev. Jared Reid, pastor, and Dea. Phelps, delegate. Upon a full hearing of the subject, the council came to a unanimous result in favor of a new church organization, and constituted the certificated members into a church, and extended to it the fellowship of the churches, under the name of the "BRAINERD CHURCH." Between twenty and thirty more from the First Church united with it within a few weeks. The ordinances of the gospel were continually sustained in it from the first, though there was no *settled* ministry till 1838. In June of that year an invitation was given to Rev. George A. Oviatt to supply the desk. He came among us and labored a few weeks. On the 16th of July, 1838, the church records show the following acts

and doings. "The church held a meeting, duly notified, on the subject of giving a call to the Rev. George A. Oviatt to settle with us in the gospel ministry." And the records also say, "Whereas, he has labored among us for a time, to our acceptance and edification, and from his known character and standing entitled to our entire confidence as an able and faithful minister of the gospel; if the Brainerd Society, to which this church appertains, think proper to extend to him an invitation to settle with us, we do hereby express our unanimous and cordial concurrence in such invitation." This vote was communicated to the society, and they voted unanimously to give the call, which was communicated to Mr. Oviatt. He returned in due time an affirmative reply. A council was invited for the ordination, and convened on the 28th of August, 1838. The council was composed of the following pastors and delegates from the churches. Second Church in Amherst, Rev. Nathan Perkins, pastor; First Church in Amherst, Rev. Josiah Bent, pastor, and Gen. David Mack, delegate; church in Enfield, Rev. John Whiton, Pastor, and Br. Tertius Walker, delegate; from the church in South Hadley, Rev. Joseph D. Condit, pastor, and Dea. Moses Montague, delegate; from the church in Granby, Dea. Asa Pease, delegate; from the church in Monson, Dea. A. W. Porter, delegate; from the church in Boylston, Rev. William H. Sanford, pastor, and Br. Henry H. Brigham, delegate; from Park Street Church in Boston, Rev. Silas Aikin, pastor, and Br. William T. Eustis, delegate; from the church in Belchertown, Rev. Jared Reid, pastor, and Dea. Israel Towne, delegate; and Rev. Roswell Hawkes, without pastoral charge. The council organized as follows: Rev. Nathan Perkins, moderator; Rev. William H.

Sanford, scribe ; Rev. Mr. Whiton made the introductory prayer ; Rev. Mr. Aikin preached the sermon ; Rev. Mr. Reid made the ordaining prayer ; Rev. Mr. Perkins gave the charge to the pastor ; Rev. Mr. Condit gave the right hand of fellowship ; Rev. Mr. Bent gave the charge to the people, and Rev. Mr. Sanford made the concluding prayer.

Mr. Oviatt continued his labors as pastor of the Brainerd Church and Society till the churches and societies were again united, 1841. His labors were blessed, and the church and society prosperous. The church to January 1841, had increased to about one hundred and eighty members. The society built a house in 1836, for their accommodation at an expense of five thousand dollars. After the dismissal of Mr. Reid, January 6, 1841, (leaving the First Church destitute of a pastor), a desire was manifested by many in each society for a reunion of the churches and societies, with the cherished hope that Mr. Oviatt might become the pastor of the united church. In public worship the two societies united immediately upon Mr. Reid's leaving, and Mr. Oviatt discharged the pastoral duties to both. Such had been his labors and intercourse among the people, ever since his ministerial labors commenced here, that all feelings seemed to concentrate in the desire of effecting a union, and of extending a call to him to settle over the united church and society. Measures were taken to accomplish that object. Meetings of each church and each society were called, and votes passed expressing a desire of reunion, and of extending a call to Mr. Oviatt to take the pastoral charge of them. The causes which seven years before had led to a division of the church, seem to have melted away, and a state of united feeling, favorable to the prosperity

of the church by a union succeeded. An ecclesiastical council was invited, to consider the subject of a union of the churches, and of installing Mr. Oviatt over the united church and society. That council convened August 31, 1841. From Second Church in Amherst, Rev. Nathan Perkins, and Br. Ithamer Conkey, delegate; church in Enfield, Rev. John Whiton, and Dea. Alvan Smith, delegate; church in Granby, Rev. James Bates, pastor, and Rev. Eli Moody, delegate; church in South Hadley, Rev. Joseph D. Condit, pastor, and Br. Samuel Judd, delegate; First Church in Amherst, Rev. John Sanford, delegate; from South Church in Amherst, Rev. Dana Goodsell, and Br. Nathan E. Dickinson, delegate; from the church in Amherst College, Rev. Professor William C. Fowler. Votes of the two churches were laid before the council, expressing a mutual desire of reunion, and no opposition appeared. The council decided that a union formed by two churches, by the unanimous votes of both, was in accordance with ecclesiastical usage; wherefore the council voted "that in view of all the circumstances before them, they are satisfied with these proceedings, and do recognize the Brainerd Church and the First Church in Belchertown, as *one church*; and to carry out the object of all the parties concerned, that the relation of Rev. Mr. Oviatt as pastor of the Brainerd Church be dissolved." And on due proceedings had, the council proceeded to install Rev. Mr. Oviatt pastor of the united church and society, in pursuance of an unanimous call by them given him and his acceptance. The parts in the exercises of the installation were as follows: Rev. Mr. Bates made the introductory prayer; Rev. Professor Fowler preached the sermon; Rev. Mr. Moody made the installing prayer; Rev. Mr. Perkins gave the charge to

the pastor; Rev. Mr. Condit gave the right hand of fellowship; Rev. Mr. Whiton made the address to the people; Rev. Mr. Goodsell made the concluding prayer.

At the time of the union of these churches, August 31, 1841, the First Church included probably two hundred and fifty members, perhaps three hundred including those that resided elsewhere, but had not removed their *church* relation. The exact number is not known. The Brainerd Church included about one hundred and eighty members. Most of these were from the First Church. Mr. Oviatt remained in the faithful and efficient discharge of his ministerial duties till July, 1845, and had the satisfaction of seeing the union of the churches successful under his administration. In June, 1845, he requested a dismissal from the church and society. Mr. Oviatt's health was not firm, and the duties of his pastoral labors were arduous. The church and society complied with Mr. Oviatt's urgent request, in inviting a council to advise in the matter. It was called and the subject considered. A unanimous desire was expressed to the council that the pastoral relation between Mr. Oviatt and them might not be dissolved. In view of the whole matter, knowing the state of Mr. Oviatt's health, the extent of his labors here, and the fact that a new field of labor opened before him to which he was at the same time invited, of taking the pastoral charge of a church and society about forming in Boston, (the Suffolk street Church), and his own desire, and expressed opinion that his health was not adequate to the labors of the pastor here, the council proceeded to dissolve the pastoral relation between him and this people. He immediately proceeded to take charge of the newly formed society in Boston, and was soon after installed as the pastor of that

church and people. In February, 1839, Mr. Oviatt was married to Miss Martha Ann Whittlesey, of New Haven, Connecticut. From the period of his dismission from this place, her health became impaired. She went to Boston, but disease had fastened upon her, and she lingered under its fearful progress, at the hospitable residence of her brother in law and sister, Hon. William T. Eustis and lady, till its final termination. She died April 6, 1846, in the full and cheering hope of a blessed immortality.

Her traits of character were most estimable. Educated for usefulness, a mind of superior order, well disciplined and highly cultivated, with a discretion and judgment ever faithful and safe, sympathising with the afflicted, active in works of beneficence to all within the sphere of her action, she *lived* the religion she professed; it gave lustre to her whole character. Those who best knew her could most justly appreciate her worth. Mr. Oviatt is a native of Bridgeport, Connecticut, son of Daniel B. Oviatt Esq.; he graduated at Yale College in 1835, and studied theology at the divinity school at Yale College. His father was a native of Milford, Connecticut; son of ——— Oviatt. Daniel B. Oviatt married Mary Roberts, daughter of William Roberts, of Bridgeport, Connecticut, who came from England during the Revolutionary war; after the close of the war he settled and spent his life in Bridgeport. Rev. G. A. Oviatt is now (1851) settled in the ministry in Chicopee, Hampden County, Massachusetts.

After the dismission of Mr. Oviatt, the desk was constantly supplied, without a settled ministry for seven months. In January, 1846, the Rev. John Clancey, by invitation came among us for a supply; he preached four

Sabbaths. An invitation was extended to him to settle in the ministry, which was accepted. He was installed February 25, 1846, by a council convened for the purpose. Mr. Clancey, is a graduate of Middlebury College, of the class of 1818, studied theology at Andover, was settled in the ministry at Charlton, (N. Y.) where he remained about twenty years in the ministry; had been dismissed from his pastoral labors with that people, before he came to this place. He remained here as the pastor of this people till March 27th, 1849, when he was dismissed by an Ecclesiastical council, mutually called to take into consideration "the difficulties that have arisen in respect to the pastoral relation existing between Rev. John Clancey and the church and society here, and to give such judgment and advice in regard to the continuance or dissolution thereof as they may deem proper, and to dissolve the said relation, if, in their judgment it shall be deemed advisable." In pursuance of this call, a council was convened and the subject considered. No difficulties were stated to exist between Mr. Clancey and the people, and no allegations against his character in any respect. Votes of the society, and of the church, had been taken at meetings of these bodies, expressive of their views as to the expediency of a continuance of Mr. Clancey's labors among this people; their doings were laid before the council, and their judgment was unanimous in favor of a dissolution of the pastoral relation, giving him plenary testimonials that he sustained a fair christian and ministerial character. Mr. Clancey returned to Charlton; is still laboring in the ministry, in supplying destitute churches.

In May, 1849, Rev. Samuel Wolcott was invited to supply the desk. He came and preached the first Sabbath

in June, and the three next succeeding Sabbaths. Such was the impression made on the public mind by the labors of Mr. Wolcott, that a meeting of the church and of the society, was duly notified and held on the 9th of July, and votes passed unanimously in each of these bodies, extending a call to Mr. Wolcott, to settle with us in the gospel ministry, and immediately communicated to him. He returned an answer under date of July 26, accepting the invitation, reserving a few weeks to close some engagements then occupying his attention. In due time preparations were made for convening a council for his installation. The council convened on the second day of October. The gentlemen of the council officiating in the exercises were, reading the Scriptures by Rev. Mr. Cross, late of Palmer, at the time without pastoral charge. Introductory prayer by Rev. Mr. Oviatt, a former pastor of the church. Sermon by Rev. Professor Smith, of Amherst College. Installing prayer, by Rev. Mr. Bates, of Granby. Charge to the pastor, by Rev. Dr. Woodbridge, of Hadley. Fellowship of the churches, by Rev. Mr. Laury, of South Hadley. Address to the people, by Rev. Mr. Colton of Amherst. Concluding prayer, by Rev. Mr. McEwen, of Enfield. Benediction by the pastor. The exercises were appropriate and well received by a large and attentive auditory. Mr. Wolcott immediately entered upon the duties of his station, moving his family here a few days previous to his installation. Some of the results of his labors were soon seen in an increased attention to religious concerns. It became general in different parts of the town, and among all ages, continuing for several months. The fruit of that revival, has been eighty-seven members added to the church by profession, since Mr. Wolcott's installation,

and sixteen by letter from other churches. The congregation has increased, and blessings multiplied under his ministrations.

Mr. Wolcott, is a native of East Windsor, Ct., son of Elihu Wolcott, Esq., now residing in Jacksonville, Ill., born July, 1813. His mother, a daughter of Rev. David McClure, D. D., of East Windsor. He is a lineal descendant from Henry Wolcott, born in Tolland, England, and removed to this country with his wife and six children in 1630; they belonged to the company of emigrants, that removed from Dorchester to Windsor, in 1635. Their descendants were numerous, and distinguished as prominent in the affairs of church and state, from the earliest history of Connecticut. Rev. Samuel Wolcott, was a graduate of Yale College, in 1833; he passed the first year after his graduation at Yale, in theological study. In 1835, he entered upon a course of study at Andover, completing his course preparatory to his license in 1837. The two next years he was engaged in assisting the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, at the Mission House in Boston. In September 1839, he married Miss Catherine E. Wood, daughter of Ezra Wood, Esq., of Westminster, Massachusetts. November 13, he was ordained, at the Bowdoin street Church, in Boston, as a foreign missionary, and embarked for Syria, under the direction of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, with his wife, January following, and arrived at Beyrout the next April. Soon removed to Areiyah, a village in Mount Lebanon. The rising of the mountaineers against the Pasha of Egypt, who held the country, compelled him to return to Beyrout, with loss of a portion of his effects; soon after he went to El Abadiyeh, another village of Mount

Lebanon, but the arrival of the allied English, Austrian and Turkish fleets, off the Coast, in August, obliged him to return to Beyrout, receiving notice from the British Admiral, of his intention to bombard the town. He removed with his family, to the Island of Cyprus, for a little season, returning alone to the place from which he had recently been driven ; he arrived on the morning the town capitulated, and was able to preserve the missionary property. In the spring of 1841, he visited Damascus, and spent the summer with his family, at Deir El Kamr, the capital town of Mount Lebanon. Here he opened a school for the sons of the Druze Sheiks. His labors, and his residence in the mountains were suddenly interrupted by a sanguinary civil war, in which his effects were pillaged by the ruthless robbers, and he compelled to leave the place. At Beyrout, on the 26th of October, 1841, his wife died, of a short and very distressing illness. He passed the following winter in Jerusalem, making investigations, visiting various parts of that city of renown, and places contiguous, rendered sacred by a thousand hallowed associations. In the spring of 1842, he returned to Beyrout, spending the summer at Bhamdown, a village in Mount Lebanon, remaining there till his labors were again interrupted by a civil war. Amid the most severe family afflictions, Mr. Wolcott experienced peculiar trials in his missionary labors, by reason of the unsettled condition of the affairs of governments, and the war-moving elements with which he was almost continually surrounded, breaking in upon his labors and interrupting his plans of operation. In January, 1843, he embarked at Beyrout for his native land, returning by way of England, arrived in Boston, April 21, 1843. Extended accounts have been given of Mr. Wolcott's

labors and travels, during his residence in Syria and Palestine, and at the East, in several American Journals. Some of them may be found in the *Missionary Herald*, February number, 1841, and the March number, 1842; and in the first number of "*Bibliotheca Sacra*," edited by Professor Robinson, and published February, 1843. It will be perceived, says Dr. Robinson in his "*Bibliotheca Sacra*," that most of the communications from Palestine, are from Rev. Mr. Wolcott, who has traversed the country and explored Jerusalem, with an eye of a keen and intelligent observer, and whose remarks have furnished several important corrections in the Biblical researches in that country, published by the editor." In August 1843, Mr. Wolcott was installed as pastor, over the Congregational church and society, in Longmeadow. November 1st, 1843, he married Miss. Harriet A. Pope, daughter of Jonathan A. Pope, Esq., of Millbury, Massachusetts. He was dismissed from the church and people of Longmeadow, December 27, 1847, by a mutual council called for the purpose. He subsequently spent some time in preparing a geneological history of the Wolcott family, which is yet in manuscript.

PASTORS

OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN BELCHERTOWN,
FROM ITS ORGANIZATION FOR ONE HUND-
RED AND FOURTEEN YEARS.

Rev. Edward Billing, settled 1739, dismissed 1752, died about 1757.

" Justus Forward, settled 1756, died 1814, aged 84.

" Experience Porter, installed 1812, dismissed 1825, died 1828, aged 46.

" Lyman Coleman, ordained 1825, dismissed 1832.

" Jared Reid, installed 1833, dismissed, 1841.

" George A. Oviatt, 1841, dismissed 1845.

" John Clancey, installed 1846, dismissed 1849.

" Samuel Wolcott, ~~dismissed~~ 1849.

installed

INTERIMS BETWEEN THE DISMISSION OF ONE PASTOR AND THE SETTLEMENT OF HIS SUCCESSOR.

Between Mr. Billing and Mr. Forward, about 3 years and 10 mo.

" Mr. Porter and Mr. Coleman, about 7 months.

" Mr. Coleman and Mr. Reid, about 1 year.

" Mr. Reid and Oviatt, about 8 months.

" Mr. Oviatt and Mr. Clancey, about 8 months.

" Mr. Clancey and Mr. Wolcott, about 7 months.

Fractions of time in days not computed ; making an aggregate of eight years and two months without a *settled* ministry, in one hundred and fourteen years. The desk has been steadily supplied when there has been no settled ministry.

THE FOLLOWING LIST COMPRISES THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO HAVE SUSTAINED THE OFFICE OF DEACON IN THIS CHURCH.

See their numbers for additional notices of their office.

John Smith,	No. 1.
Aaron Lyman,	" 3.
Elijah Smith,	" 11.
Joseph Smith,	" 16.
Edward Smith,	" 163.
Elijah Dwight,	" 215.
Amasa Smith,	" 229.
Eliakim Phelps,	" 222.
James Walker,	" 256.
Oliver S. Taylor,	" 584.
Daniel Phelps,	" 462.
Anson Moody,	" 879.
John M. Spooner,	" 863.
Henry A. Bridgman,	" 460.
Israel Towne,	" 878.
William Phelps,	" 463.

At the time of the union of the two churches, in 1841, Daniel Phelps, John M. Spooner, Israel Towne, and William Phelps, were the officiating deacons in the first church, and Henry A. Bridgman, (460) Elijah Amadon, (1156) and Elisha Abbey, (655) were the officiating deacons in the Brainerd Church. After that union they all officiated as deacons in the united church till 1850, when they all resigned their office. The church then chose Daniel Phelps, Israel Towne, Elisha Abbey and Ephraim Montague for deacons. These four now sustain that office in the church.

LIST OF COMMUNICANTS

IN THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN BELCHERTOWN,
FROM ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1837, TO 1851.

EXPLANATIONS.

The names of the church members are represented by numbers standing in columns on the left margin of the page, against the name represented. When these numbers are used elsewhere in these pages, corresponding with the column numbers, and representing names, they are inclosed in parenthesis. Sometimes I trace lineage by numbers; for example; take No. (958), it represents Phineas C. Walker, son of (412); turn to No. (412); you find that number represents Aaron Walker, son of (243); turn to No. (243), you find that number represents Hezekiah Walker, son of (99); turn to No. (99), you find that number represents Capt. James Walker, and there find his birth place, parentage, marriage, when he came to this place, and from whence, time of his death and age. Sometimes the name is used with the number representing it. Numbers are never used representing names except when representing *church members*. The family names of married women are always given when known, and

represented as follows: in No. (131), Eunice (*Dwight*) wife of Joseph Graves; her family name *before* marriage being enclosed in parenthesis and printed in *italics*. Fractions in years, or in age, are not noticed. Periods of death may in some cases be inaccurately stated. When I could have access to record-evidence, I have in all cases given it. When I could not, I have taken dates of deaths and other facts from the memory of the living; when this source of information has seemed to be in a good degree accurate, I have taken it as giving the facts sought. I am aware that memory cannot always be relied on for accuracy in dates. It would be strange if errors should not be found in these as well as other things, in these pages. Facts resting on traditionary history, are so stated. Facts stated from memory have been obtained, so far as practicable, from those best prepared to give them correctly.

When removals of church members to other churches have taken place, and *known*, the facts are stated, with the time of removal and place removed to. In many cases, where members of the church are gone from us, no trace of record or any other evidence can be found, noticing the removal. All that is known of them, is *they are gone*. In some cases a general certificate of membership has been taken by persons going away, and whether they have united with any other church is not known. I have added against the names of several individuals the word "*Removed*," showing that they are gone from us, but not known where or whether living. Our church records are very imperfect, short, and inaccurate. Names are sometimes represented by the initials only; and in removals and deaths, and in other events relating to an individual, the record is, Mr. A. removed or died &c., when the designation would apply to several persons with equal accura-

cy. I have, with much labor, sought facts to guide me, and from all means within my reach, and from the most correct sources. No record of a death can be found on our church records from the year 1833 to 1841. Many omissions of other things and at other periods are found in church records, of what they should contain, and usually do contain.

Names of some who have been communicants, are not to be found on the church records. In some instances the first notice of their names in church documents, is when they have asked a letter of recommendation from the church. When by any satisfactory evidence, I have ascertained the membership of individuals, I have inserted their names as communicants. After all, probably some may find their names omitted on both chronological and alphabetical lists. In numbering the list of names as first drawn, some names were not found; they either were not on the records, or overlooked. In designating these as taken in a new draft, I add a *fraction* to the number. Take number (319), "Mary, the wife of Giles Lyman." The three names next following are designated (319 $\frac{1}{2}$) (319 $\frac{2}{3}$) and (319 $\frac{3}{4}$). The arrangement was begun by numbers indicating persons, and I have found it difficult to change the numbers after going through with them, with the various references they bear in designating persons; therefore I used fractions.

The following list comprises the names, with their numbers, of those who have been communicants in the congregational Church in Belchertown, from its organization in 1737 to 1851. There are no church records remaining anterior to February 25th, 1756. The names of those who were communicants, and were removed from the church by death, or otherwise, before that time, are not to be found. The names corresponding with the first 68 numbers, stand on the church records as communicants at that date, being the date of Rev. Mr. Forward's settlement, February 25th, 1756. A very few of these 68 communicants did not unite with *this* church till after Mr. Forward's settlement, though they were communicants. These few names are found among the 68, and also registered as uniting with this church afterwards, when they removed their church relations.

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
1.	<i>John Smith</i> , a native of Hadley, son of Joseph Smith, born 1687, married Elizabeth Hovey, of Hadley, in 1709, removed to Hatfield 1711; was chosen a Deacon of the church in Hatfield, remained in Hatfield till 1736, raised a family there; came to Cold Spring in 1736, was chosen the first deacon in this church at its organization in 1737. A prominent actor in the civil and religious affairs of this place. He was authorized by the general court, to call the first meeting ever called by Legislative authority, of the settlers in Cold Spring for police purposes, for choosing precinct officers, and raising money to support the gospel, and for other prudential affairs. It was held April 28,		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age
	1740. The church records say of him, "A valuable man in his day." He died	1777	91
2.	<i>Elizabeth (Hovey)</i> , wife of No. 1, she died,	1758	70
	<i>See Genealogy, Appendix A.</i>		
3.	<i>Aaron Lyman</i> , a native of North- ampton, son of Benjamin Lyman, came to Cold Spring in 1731; married Eunice Dwight, was chosen deacon in this church at its organization, lived here through life, raised a family here. He died,	1780	75
	<i>See Appendix B.</i>		
4.	<i>Eunice (Dwight)</i> , wife of (3). She was sister to (42); died,	1760	52
5.	<i>Abner Smith</i> , son of (1), born in Hatfield, 1712; came to Cold Spring in 1733, married Polly Lyman,, daugh- ter of (3), removed from this place to Springfield, where he kept a public house and the county jail for several years. He died with the small pox, about the year,	1777	65
6.	<i>Polly (Lyman)</i> wife of (5).		
7.	<i>Daniel Smith</i> , a native of Hatfield, son of (1), born 1716; came to Cold Spring, with his brother (5), married Abigail Sacket, of Westfield. He died.	1800	84
8.	<i>Abigail (Sacket)</i> wife of (7). She died.	1797	75

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
9.	<p><i>Joseph Smith</i>, a native of Hatfield, born 1720; son of (1), was deacon of this church, chosen in 1770, was father of Rev. Amasa, Eli, and John Smith; see (229), (279), and (248); was the first Representative to the General Court, under the present State Constitution, a prominent and useful man; he married Eunice Bascom, and died at the residence of his son Solomon Smith, in Lyme, N. H.</p>	1803	83
10.	<p><i>Eunice (Bascom)</i> wife of (9).</p> <p><i>See Appendix A.</i></p>		
11.	<p><i>Elijah Smith</i>, a native of Hatfield, son of (1), born 1723; came to Cold Spring with his father in 1736; married Sybel Worthington, of Colchester, Connecticut, in 1751; was deacon of this church, chosen in 1761, was father of Rev. Ethan Smith. The church records say of him, "His natural parts were very great. He had a quick turn of thought, depth of penetration, a solid reason and judgment, a tenacious memory, a handsome utterance and an agreeable deportment, and was on good ground, esteemed a man of true piety, and universally beloved and greatly lamented." He died,</p> <p>His widow died in Hadley, May 26, 1828, aged 101 years.</p> <p><i>See Appendix A.</i></p>	1770	47
12.	<p><i>Jonathan Graves</i>, a native of Hatfield, son of Jonathan Graves, born</p>		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	1701, and remained here during life ; he died,	1787	86
13.	Wife of (12); born 1711; died, <i>See Appendix L.</i>	1769	58
14.	<i>Ebenezer Bridgman</i> , a native of Northampton, son of John Bridgman, born 1686, married Mary Parsons, 1710; came to Cold Spring with his family about 1732; remained here during life. He died,	1760	74
15.	<i>Mary (Parsons)</i> , wife of (14), born 1680; died, <i>See Appendix C.</i>	1770	90
16.	<i>Joseph Bridgman</i> , son of (14), born in Northampton, 1712; was deacon here, chosen 1770. He died,	1773	61
17.	<i>Elizabeth</i> , wife of (16), born 1706. She died, <i>See Appendix C.</i>	1789	83
18.	<i>Benjamin Stebbins</i> , a native of Northampton, son of Samuel Stebbins, born 1711; came to Cold Spring in July, 1731; one of the first families that made permanent settlement here; tradition says, the <i>first family</i> ; he remained here through life; raised a family, several families of his descend ants are now here. He died,	1789	78
19.	Wife of (18), born 1709. She died, <i>See Appendix D.</i>	1769	60

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
21.	<i>Walter Fairfield</i> , a native of Lexington or Ipswich, an early settler here, and from Northampton, but not among the first. He came here about the year 1742. He died,	1756	83
22.	<i>Judith</i> , wife and widow of (21). She died,	1770	89
23.	<i>Stephen Fairfield</i> , son of (21), born 1711. He died,	1785	74
24.	<i>Abigail</i> , wife of (23), born 1708. She died,	1793	85
26.	<i>Mary (Hutchinson)</i> , wife of William Hannum, a native of Northampton, born 1692. She died, Her husband born 1690, and died in this town 1756, aged 66. William Hannum, came to this place in 1732; lived here till his death.	1785	93
27.	<i>Samuel Hannum</i> , a native of Northampton, brother of William, born 1692; they came to this place together; he married Mercy Hutchinson sister of (26) before he came here; came with a family. He had two sons, Samuel and Phineas. He died,	1780	88
28.	His wife Mercy, died suddenly Sept. 28th,	1796	86
29.	<i>Moses Hannum</i> , a native of Northampton, son of William Hannum, born 1718; came here with his father in 1732; he had four sons, Moses, William, Joshua and David. He died,	1802	86

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	At this time, 1802, there were but five men and four women living that were householders when Mr. Forward was settled, February, 1756.		
30.	<i>Lydia</i> , wife of (29), born 1719. She died,	1796	77
31.	<i>Aaron Hannum</i> , a native of Northampton, born 1722; son of William Hannum and Mary (26), brother of (29); came to this place with his father. He died,	1776	54
32.	<i>Rachel (Smith)</i> , wife of (31), daughter of (1), sister of (9). She died in her widowhood,	1811	85
33.	<i>Gideon Hannum</i> , son of William and brother of (29) and (31). His mother was (26). He died, His wife and widow, Abia, died February, 1796.	1786	59
	<i>See Appendix K.</i>		
34.	<i>Joseph Phelps</i> , a native of Northampton, son of William Phelps, born 1699. He was uncle to (36); he came here in 1731 or 1732. He died,	1782	83
35.	<i>Hannah</i> , wife of (34.) She died,	1779	70
36.	<i>Eliakim Phelps</i> , a native of Northampton, son of William Phelps, and grandson of William, born 1709; came here very early in the settlement. He died here,	1777	69

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age
	Church records say of him, " he was esteemed a pious man."		
37.	<i>Elizabeth (Rust)</i> , wife of (36). She died, <i>See Appendix G.</i>	1752	40
38.	<i>Nathan Parsons</i> , came to this place about the year 1746. He was brother of Rev. David Parsons, the first minister settled in Amherst, settled there in 1739. Nathan was father of Eldad Parsons, Esq., (223) and (250); he raised a family here. He died,	1806	86
39.	<i>Moses Warner</i> , a native of Hatfield, son of Ebenezer Warner, born 1717; married Sarah Porter in 1739; came to this town about 1747. He died,	1759	42
40.	<i>Sarah (Porter)</i> , wife of (39), native of Hadley. She died,	1757	35
41.	<i>Ebenezer Warner</i> , a native of Hatfield, son of Ebenezer, brother of (39), born 1729; came to this town about 1752; married Dinah Phelps, daughter of (34); raised a family here. He died, <i>See Appendix H.</i>	1812	83
42.	<i>Nathaniel Dwight</i> , son of Nathaniel Dwight of Northampton, born 1712; came here among the first settlers; married Hannah Lyman, sister of (3), was a prominent man here in all civil and religious affairs; went into the French war with a Captain's commission, August 9th, 1757. He received an		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	order from Col. Williams, of Hatfield, then a militia Captain, to muster and march his company, without delay, for the relief of <i>Fort William Henry</i> , near Lake George; that fort was attacked by a party of French and Indians, of 11,000. The same day the company was under marching orders, met the Regiment at Westfield, proceeded to Kinderhook, received intelligence that the Fort had capitulated; they were discharged, and returned home. Capt. Dwight was active and useful in the struggle in the Revolutionary war, and in promoting the best interests of the early settlers; and did much to advance the settlement. He spent his days here; raised a family. He died,	1784	72
43.	<i>Hannah (Lyman)</i> , wife of (42), sister of (3). She died,	1792	84
	<i>See Appendix F.</i>		
44.	<i>Hezekiah Root</i> , a native of Northampton, son of Hezekiah Root, of that place, born 1714; came here among the early settlers, before 1736. He was brother of Orlando (105). He married and raised a family here. He died,	1792	78
45.	<i>Mary</i> wife of (44). She died, They had three children, Elisha, (124) Hezekiah and Miriam (108). See Orlando (105) for lineage.	1800	85
46.	<i>Thomas Brown</i> ; his name is very		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	early here, and remained here through a long life in usefulness. He died,	1796	100
47.	<i>Mahitabel</i> , wife of Thomas Brown. She died,	1811	76
48.	<i>Thomas Chapin</i> , early here, though his name is not among the first settlers, came here about 1748. He died,	1781	86
49	<i>Jerusha</i> , wife of (48); she was from Sunderland. She died,	1773	77
50.	<i>Thankful Chapin</i> , daughter of (48).		
51.	<i>Lydia</i> , wife of Thomas Chapin, Jr. Thomas Jr. was son of (48). He died, in 1758, aged 26; left a son (244); widow Lydia (51), married John Amsden, of Deerfield, in 1760, and removed.		
52.	<i>Benjamin Morgan</i> ; he came here early but not among the first, probably in 1750; spent his days here; he had three sons, Benjamin, Titus, and Gad, and one daughter, Sarah. She married Benjamin Billings. See (275). Benjamin Morgan was the last survivor of those who acted here in 1756, when Mr. Forward was settled. He died August 21st, 1812; about one and a half years before Mr. Forward, aged 93 years.	1812	93
53.	<i>Mary Cowles</i> , widow of John Cowles, of Hatfield, mother of (56) and (85). She died,	1795	89

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
54.	<i>Nathan Cowles</i> , a native of Hatfield, he was the brother of John, who was father to (56) and (85).		
55.	<i>Wife</i> of Nathan Cowles ; they resided here for several years and moved away.		
56.	<i>Israel Cowles</i> , a native of Hatfield, son of John Cowles, born 1727 ; came here in the early settlement. Died,	1797	70
57.	<i>Lydia Bardwell</i> , wife of (53), daughter of (66), sister of (86), born 1735. She died, <i>See Appendix M.</i>	1802	67
58.	<i>Ebenezer Stearns</i> , }	1759	69
59.	<i>Mary</i> , wife of (58) } They were from the Church in Sutton ; Rev. Mr. Hall was pastor. Died.	1757	60
60.	<i>Thomas Graves</i> , a native of Hatfield. The family of Graves came here early, before 1735 ; he was son of Samuel Graves, who was father of John Graves, (62) and uncle to Jonathan (12) ; he married Lydia Graves, a daughter of Isaac, a cousin. Died,	1784	92
61.	<i>Lydia (Graves)</i> , wife of (60). Died,	1777	85
62.	<i>John Graves</i> . Died,	1798	80
63.	<i>Lydia Graves</i> , daughter of (60). Died, <i>See Appendix L.</i>	1779	53
64.	<i>Benjamin Billings</i> , a native of Hat-		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age
	field, born 1704; a cousin of Rev. Edward Billing, the first minister settled here; <i>his</i> name is uniformly written without the <i>s</i> , final, but is the same name as Billings. Benjamin was among the first settlers here; he married Mary Hastings, of Hatfield, a daughter of Joshua Hastings, lived here through life and raised a family. He died,	1782	78
65.	<i>Mary (Hastings)</i> , wife of (64). She died,	1788	84
66.	<i>Joseph Bardwell</i> , a native of Hatfield, son of John Bardwell; came here with his father among the first settlers. He died,	1791	78
	<i>See Appendix I.</i>		
67.	<i>Lydia</i> , wife of (66). She died,	1800	86
68.	<i>Violet Bardwell</i> , wife of Capt. Jonathan Bardwell; her husband was the youngest son of John Bardwell, born in Hatfield, brother of (66); he died here in the year 1781, aged 57. His widow Violet remained here through life. She died,	1790	64
	<i>See Appendix I.</i>		
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ADMITTED 1753.			
69.	<i>Amy</i> , wife of (38). She died,	1798	96
70.	<i>Dinah (Phelps)</i> , wife of (41), daughter of (34). She died,	1812	80

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Numbers.	Names	Deaths.	Age.
71.	<i>Stephen Crawfoot</i> , son of Joseph Crawfoot, of Northampton, who died there in 1726, and grandson to Joseph Crawfoot who died in Northampton in 1678. Stephen was an early settler here, before 1737. He was a soldier in the French war from this place. His son Elijah, was the first child baptized by Rev. Mr. Forward, after his settlement here ; it was May 16th, 1756 ; Stephen died about,	1765	55
72.	<i>Martha</i> , wife of (71), removed from here.		
73.	<i>James Towne</i> , died at Greenbush, New York, returning from service in the French war, upon northern frontiers, in the year,	1758	36
74.	<i>Anne</i> , wife of (73), after his death removed.		
75.	<i>Sybel (Worthington)</i> , wife of (11), daughter of Daniel Worthington of Colchester, Connecticut ; born April. 1726, married 1751 ; was mother of Rev. Ethan Smith. She died in Hadley, May,	1827	101
	<i>Received from other Churches.</i>		
76.	<i>Rebekah Thopping</i> , from the church in Beverly, by letter from Rev. Mr. Champney, pastor ; she married Oliver Newton, in 1762. She died,	1793	93

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
1757.			
79.	<i>Noah Bowker,</i>	} Moved	
80.	Wife of Noah Bowker,		
		} away.	
81.	<i>Judith</i> , wife of Martin Dömer; she was left a widow, and married Jedediah Ayres, of Ware, in 1761, and moved to that place.		
<i>Received from other Churches.</i>			
82.	Wife of Thomas Chapin, Jr., from the church in Sunderland, Rev. Joseph Ashley, pastor. She died.	1812	93
83.	<i>Ebenezer Starns</i> , 2d,	}	
84.	<i>Jane</i> , wife of (83),		
	From 2d, church in Sutton, Rev. James Willman, pastor. They removed from here.		
1758.			
85.	<i>Capt. John Cowles</i> , a native of Hatfield, son of John, brother of (56), born 1731. He died,	1811	80
<i>See Appendix M.</i>			
86.	<i>Hannah (Bardwell)</i> , wife of (85) daughter of (66), sister of (57). She died,	1813	76
87.	<i>Daniel Worthington</i> , a native of Colchester, Connecticut, son of Daniel Worthington, born August, 1732; he was brother of widow Amy Sexton, 2d, wife of (99). See (287½); he came		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	to this place in 1753; was a soldier in the French war, went out in Capt. Nathaniel Dwight's company, for the relief of Fort William Henry in 1757, and in other service. He died in Woodstock, Vermont, in	1830	98
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
88.	Wife of John Lumbard, from the church in Brimfield. She died, John Lumbard and wife were the parents of John, Mary and David.	1764	35
	1759.		
89.	<i>Abigail Phelps</i> , removed.		
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
90.	<i>Sarah (Worthington)</i> , wife of Major Josiah Lyman, (221); she was a native of Colchester, Connecticut, daughter of Daniel Worthington and sister of (87), born November, 1734. She died,	1799	65
91.	<i>Samuel Worthington</i> , a native of Colchester, Connecticut, son of Daniel Worthington, and brother of (87), born February 1728. He died in Shelburne, in, From the church in Colchester.	1790	62
92.	<i>Elizabeth</i> , wife of (91), from the same. See (308) and (309).		
93.	<i>Joshua Wilder</i> , from the church in Lancaster, and removed from here.		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	1761.		
94.	<i>Samuel Belknap</i> , was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He died in service at Cambridge,	1775	
95.	<i>Mary</i> his wife, removed after his death.		
97.	<i>Francis Newton</i> , removed.		
98.	Wife of Francis Newton ; she was Elizabeth Fairfield, daughter of (23).		
99.	<i>Capt. James Walker</i> , a native of Weston, born November, 1732, son of Nathaniel Walker. He early moved to Sturbridge ; there he married Esther Shumway, sister of (174) in 1754. He moved to this place in 1755. His wife Esther died in 1786, aged 50. For a 2d wife, he married (287½) in 1787. He was father of Dea. James Walker (256), Hezekiah Walker (243), Silas Walker (317), Jason Walker (427), and Nathaniel Walker (410). These five sons of his, with the exception of Hezekiah are now (June 1851) living in this town. The united ages of these four brothers now living here is 344 years. Hezekiah died in 1845, aged 84. James Walker had three other sons besides the above five, Elijah, David and Samuel ; he had one daughter, Patty ; she married Timothy Goldsmith, 1794. James Walker served as a soldier in the French war, in 1757 ; he spent his days here, and died in 1806, aged 74. Nathaniel Walker,		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	the father of James Walker (99), married Submit Brewer, and moved from Weston to Sturbridge, with his family in 1748. This Nathaniel was son of John Walker, who lived and died in Weston. John Walker was son of Samuel Walker, who lived at Woburn, and was a representative to the general court from that town in 1689. Samuel was son of Augustine Walker, who was admitted as a Freeman in Charlestown, in 1641. He was from England, and was the ancestor of Rev. Timothy Walker, of Concord, New Hampshire. Rev. Timothy was father of Hon. Timothy Walker of Concord, New Hampshire. The Hon. Amasa Walker, of North Brookfield, and Secretary of State for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, is a lineal descendant, a great grandson, of John Walker, who lived and died in Weston.		
100.	<i>Esther (Shumway)</i> , wife of (99), sister of (174). She died,	1786	50
101.	<i>Mary Fairfield</i> , daughter of (23), married Samuel Cook, of Hadley, in 1761, and removed there.		
102.	<i>Joseph Billings</i> , a native of Hatfield, son of Benjamin Billings (64), he died 1809, aged 77. He was father or Joseph Billings, who died in this town 1828, aged 66, and was grandfather of Joel Billings, who died in this town, April 1845, aged 56; Joel was son to Joseph, who died in 1828.		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
103.	<i>Abigail (Crawfoot)</i> , his wife ; she was daughter of (71). She died, Joseph Billings, and Abigail Crawfoot were married November, 1756, the first marriage attended and recorded by Rev. Mr. Forward after his settlement here.	1813	80
104.	<i>Naomi (Stebbins)</i> , wife of Israel Towne, daughter of (18), sister of (129). Israel Towne, her husband, was the son of Israel Towne of Oxford, who died there in 1771, aged 87. His widow Susanna died at her son Israel's house in this place, in 1787, aged 97, of whom the church record says, "she was of the Haven family, a woman of great knowledge and memory, and hopefully pious." For farther particulars of the Towne family. See <i>Appendix E</i> . Naomi died February 21,	1827	91
	1762.		
105.	<i>Orlando Root</i> , a native of Northampton, born 1733, son of Hezekiah Root, of Northampton, and brother of (44). Hezekiah of Northampton, was the son of Thomas Root of Northampton, who was grandson of Thomas Root, one of the first settlers in Northampton, and one of the eight comprising the male members of the church, in its first formation in Northampton, April 18, 1661. Thomas died in Northampton in 1694, at an advanced age. He had two sons (or more) John and Joseph. John moved to Westfield		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	and died there in 1687, aged 44. Joseph, son of Thomas, had a son Thomas, who was father of Hezekiah, and grand-father of Hezekiah (44), and of Orlando (105). Orlando died in this town 1805, aged 72; leaving two sons Orlando (438), and Elihu (511). Orlando (105), had several daughters; Asenath (252), married William Towne, brother of (241), in 1788, and moved to Granville, New York. Julia (293), Molly (276), Hannah, Dimmis, (295), Rhoda (320); Amanda married Amos Washburn, of Williamsburg, in 1800, and removed to that place.		
	1763.		
106.	<i>Sarah</i> , wife of Joseph Phelps, Jr. her husband was son of (34).		
	1764.		
107.	<i>Mary</i> , wife of (105).		
108.	<i>Miriam Root</i> , daughter of (44).		
109.	<i>Rebekah</i> , 1st wife of Oliver Newton. She died January, In May, 1771, he married widow Elizabeth Marsh.	1771	35
	1765.		
110.	<i>Elizabeth Crawfoot</i> , widow of Ebenezer Crawfoot; her husband was son of (71); he was killed by the falling of a barn in Pittsfield, in 1764, aged		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	27. She was Elizabeth Billings, daughter of (64). She died,	1783	42
111.	<i>Josiah Carrier</i> , removed.		
112.	<i>Philip Carrier</i> , removed. 1766.		
113.	<i>Asa Shumway</i> , born 1739. He died, He was father of Alfred and Abijah Shumway, who recently have been or are residing in this place, and raised families here.	1811	72
114.	<i>Eunice (Bardwell)</i> , wife of Asa Shumway, daughter of (66), sister of (233). She died,	1831	87
115.	<i>Aaron Phelps</i> , son of (34).		
116.	<i>Mary (Amsden)</i> , wife of (115).		
117.	<i>Joanna Moody</i> , daughter of (120), married David Warriner, Jr., of Wilbraham, in 1771, and removed.		
118.	<i>Jerusha Moody</i> , daughter of (120), She died,	1776	22
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
119.	<i>Elizabeth</i> , wife of Benjamin Carrier from the church in Colchester, Rev. Mr. Robbins, pastor. She died,	1774	63
120.	<i>Ebenezer Moody</i> , from the church		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age
	in Hadley, Rev. Mr. Hopkins, pastor. He died,	1789	83
121.	<i>Jerusha</i> , wife of (120), from the same church. She died,	1772	63
122.	<i>Violet (Dickinson)</i> , wife of the Rev. Justus Forward, daughter of Mr. Josh- ua Dickinson, of Hatfield, from that church, Rev. Timothy Woodbridge, pastor. See notice of her in histori- cal sketch, page 55. She died,	1834	95
122½.	<i>Mary</i> , wife of Abner Sikes, from the church in Springfield, Rev. Mr. Breck, pastor.		
122¾.	<i>Martha</i> , wife of Jonathan Lumbard, from the same church.		
122⅞.	<i>Sarah</i> , wife of Benjamin Carrier, from the church in Middletown, Rev. John Newton, pastor.		
123.	<i>Bethia (Stearns)</i> , wife of Salmon Kentfield, daughter of (53), born 1733. She died, <i>Salmon Kentfield</i> , was father of Eb- enezzer, Salmon, Joel, Erastus, Josiah and Shubel Kentfield. Salmon the father, died July,	1807 1787	74
124.	<i>Elisha Root</i> , son of (44). He died,	1817	82
125.	<i>Mary (Cowles)</i> , wife of (124), sister of (56) and of (85).	1822	79

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
<i>From other Churches.</i>			
126.	<i>Sybel (Sikes)</i> , wife of (418), from the 4th church in Springfield, Rev. Mr. McKinstry, pastor. She died,	1831	87
127.	<i>Joseph Sikes,</i>	}	}
128.	<i>Eunice (Smith)</i> , wife of (127), Removed from us.		
1770.			
129.	<i>Gideon Stebbins</i> , son of (18), married Mary Hinsdale, of Deerfield, in 1768 ; they had four sons. He died,	1829	89
<i>See Appendix D.</i>			
130.	<i>Mary (Hinsdale)</i> , wife of (129). She died,	1831	85
131.	<i>Eunice (Dwight)</i> , wife of Joseph Graves, she was daughter of (42). She died,	1807	66
132.	<i>Abigail (Thopping)</i> , wife of Moses Prentiss.	1818	70
<i>From other Churches.</i>			
133.	<i>Elijah Parker</i> , on a certificate without mentioning the place, signed by Mr. Hinsdale, pastor, and again removed.		
134.	Wife of Stephen Newton, from the church in Ellington.	1783	68

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age
	1771.		
136.	<i>Elijah Howe</i> , brother of Col. Samuel Howe, and uncle to Dr. Estes Howe, who died in this town, March	1826	79
	<i>Elijah</i> married for his first wife, Philothela Warner, sister of (41). She died,	1771	28
	He again married <i>Martha Parker</i> in 1773. See (170).		
137.	<i>Moses Cowles</i> , son of John Cowles, of Hatfield, brother of (56) and (85).		
138.	<i>Moses</i> married Amy Parsons, in 1770. She was the daughter of (38), and his wife (69), and sister of (223). She died,	1777	30
	<i>Moses Cowles'</i> house was burned in October, 1776, and <i>three children burned to death</i> in it; the eldest 5 years old. The father was abroad in the army, in the Revolutionary war. The mother was never well after this sorrowful event; she lingered till January 22d, 1777 and died. The father moved away.		
139.	<i>Joseph Smith, Jr.</i> , son of (9), grandson of (1), married Mary Clark, daughter of (154) in 1776. He died,	1786	37
140.	<i>William Kentfield</i> , son of Ebenezer, who died in the army, near Lake George, in the French war in 1756.		
141.	<i>Sarah</i> , wife of William Kentfield. William and Sarah were the parents of		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	Rufus, Jonathan, David, Heman and Asaph Kentfield. William, the father, died, His wife, Sarah, died 1790, aged 66.	1791	64
142.	<i>Asa Newton</i> , son of Oliver and Rebekah Newton. He died,	1783	
143.	<i>Sybel (Witt)</i> , his wife.	1773	34
144.	<i>Elijah Moody</i> . He died, He left five sons, Elijah, Hezekiah, Silas, Ezra, and Benjamin.	1773	
145.	<i>Sarah</i> , his wife, left a widow, and again married in 1778, to Bildad Wright, of Northampton, and removed there. 1772.		
146.	<i>David Towne</i> .		
147.	<i>Kersiah</i> , wife of (146). She died,	1790	59
148.	<i>Thaddeus Fairfield</i> , son of Stephen Fairfield, (23).	1833	85
149.	<i>Kersiah (Witt)</i> , his wife,	1813	73
	1773.		
151.	<i>Martha (Warner)</i> , wife of Sylvanus Howe. He was brother of Dr. Estes Howe, the first practising physician in this place, and died in 1826, aged 79. Was father of Judge Samuel Howe, and of William and Estes.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
152.	<i>Jedediah Ayres,</i> }		
153.	Wife of J. Ayres. }		
	They were from the church in Ware, residing here for a time and again removed. See (81).		
154.	<i>Col. Caleb Clark</i> ; he was from Northampton. He was the father of Samuel, Phineas B., Joshua and Caleb, (and Eleazer Clark, Esq., who died 1808.) The father died,	1792	69
155.	<i>Hannah</i> , wife of (154).	1811	87
156.	<i>Ruth (Wright)</i> , wife of Joseph Bridgman (200). She was from Northampton. She died,	1823	81
	<i>See Appendix C.</i>		
157.	Wife of Wareham Warner, from the church in Northampton.		
158.	<i>Elizabeth (Davis)</i> , wife of Eliakim Phelps (36), from the 4th church in Springfield. (She was a 2d wife, see (37). She died,	1778	64
	1774.		
159.	<i>Jonathan Warner</i> , son of Moses, (39), and brother of (180). He died,	1782	31
160.	Wife of Jonathan Warner, <i>Mary</i> .		
161.	<i>Eleanor (Chapin)</i> , wife of Benjamin Morgan.	1791	68

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
162.	<i>Sybel (Smith)</i> , wife of Dea. Joseph Bardwell, (233), daughter of Elijah Smith (11). She died in South Hadley, at the residence of her son, Dea. Alonzo Bardwell, 1775.	1829	75
163.	<i>Edward Smith</i> , son of John Smith, and grandson of John, (1). John the father of Edward, was the eldest son of John, No. (1); he lived here several years, and moved away. Edward was born here in 1747; was chosen Dea. in 1781, moved to Shelburne with his family about the year 1793.		
164.	<i>Bulah</i> , wife of Edward Smith.		
165.	<i>Abigail Smith</i> . <i>William Phelps</i> , son of (36), eldest brother of Dea. Eliakim (222). William died in Northampton about, 1776.	1786	33
167.	<i>Abiah Smith</i> .		
168.	<i>Catherine</i> , wife of Reuben Barton. Reuben and Catherine Barton were the parents of William, Sarah, Josiah, Daniel, Lucy and Reuben. <i>From other churches.</i>		
169.	<i>Anna</i> , 2d wife of Ebenezer Moody. She was from the 3d church in Springfield. See (121).		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	1777.		
170.	<i>Martha (Parker)</i> , 2d wife of Elijah Howe. (See 135).		
171.	<i>Mary (Clark)</i> , wife of (139). She was the daughter of (154). She died,	1842	89
172.	<i>Josiah Warner</i> , son of (41). He died,	1782	28
173.	<i>Eleanor (Sikes)</i> , wife of William Bliss, married February, 1775. He died 1782, aged 36. She died,	1814	70
174.	<i>David Shumway</i> , (father of Eddy and Zebina,) married Rhoda Eddy, in 1770. He died,	1818	75
175.	<i>Rhoda (Eddy)</i> , wife of (174). She died many years ago.		
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
176.	<i>Elizabeth</i> , widow of Marson Eaton, from the church in Killingly, Connecticut, Rev. Mr. Russell, pastor.	1793	57
	1778.		
177.	<i>Prudence</i> , wife of Stephen Darling, removed.		
178.	<i>Jacob Willson</i> ,	1789	68
179.	<i>Amy</i> , wife of (178).	1807	80

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	1779.		
180.	<i>Seth Warner</i> , son of (39), father of Titus Warner, who died in Amherst, April 12th, 1818, aged 50; leaving four sons, Alonzo, Park, Seth and George. Seth (180) died,	1822	83
181.	<i>Mary (Clark)</i> , wife of (180). She was from Northampton,	1819	79
182.	<i>Capt. Elijah Bardwell</i> , son of (66);		
183.	he married in 1777, Sarah W. Smith, daughter of (11). They removed from here to Goshen, about the year 1800, and died there.		
	<i>Rev. Horatio Bardwell</i> , [*] is a son of Elijah and Sarah W. He was ordained a missionary to the heathen in India, in 1815, and that year sailed in company with Messrs. Richards, Warren, Meigs and Poor, under the patronage of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, for the Island of Ceylon. After remaining at Ceylon a short time, by direction of the Board, he joined the mission at Bombay, where he labored as a missionary of the Board till 1821, when by repeated attacks of disease, from a climate uncongenial to his constitution, his health was so impaired as made it necessary for him to resign the work, and return to his native land. In 1823, having so far recovered his health, as to be able to resume his ministerial labors, he received a call to settle in		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age
	Holden, (Mass.); where he was installed in the work of the gospel ministry in October that year. In 1831, he received and accepted an appointment of general agent of the same Board. In 1836, he was invited to settle again in the ministry in Oxford, Mass., where he now is in the discharge of ministerial duties to that people.		
184.	<i>Mary (Belknap)</i> , widow Kentfield.	1781	88
185.	<i>Roxana Parker.</i>		
186.	<i>Temperance Worthington.</i> She married Adonijah Atherton, of Shelburne, in 1798, and removed to that place.		
187.	<i>Oliver Bridgman</i> , son of (16.) He died, Church records say of him "a good man and respectable citizen."	1816	77
188.	<i>Irene Smith</i> , daughter of Dea. Edward Smith, (163). She died in Chelsey, Vermont.	1832	
	1779.		
189.	<i>Experience Smith.</i> She married John Strong, of Westhampton, in 1798, and removed there.		
190.	<i>Tabitha Parker.</i>		
191.	<i>John Cowles, Jr.</i> , son of (85).	1830	73
192.	<i>Elizabeth (Smith)</i> , wife of (191), daughter of (11). She died,	1827	66

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
193.	<i>Margaret</i> , wife of Eliakim Phelps (222). She was from Warren ; came here from that church by letter. She died, 1780.	1846	94
194.	<i>David Worthington</i> , son of (91), }		
195.	<i>Apphia</i> ——— his wife. } Removed to Shelburne about 1787, and came back to this place and again united with this church in 1794, and moved again to Peru and died there in a few years.		
196.	<i>Martha (Forward)</i> , wife of Pliny Dwight; she was daughter of Rev. Justus Forward, and married P. Dwight, June, 1777. He was son to (42). He died in March, She died, (leaving one child, a daughter). That daughter, Nancy, married Rev. Asa McFarland, D. D., of Concord, New Hampshire, in June, 1801. Dr. McFarland married Clarissa Dwight, daughter of Justus Dwight, who was son of (42), in January 1799. She died in about one year from her marriage. Nancy was his 2d wife.	1783 1782	30 23
197.	<i>Col. Henry Dwight</i> , }		
198.	<i>Ruth (Rich)</i> , his wife, } Were from Western, (now Warren). Came here about 1775. They had six sons and two daughters. The sons were Henry, Simeon, Charles, Solomon, Thomas and Peregrine. Col. Dwight died, His wife Ruth died,	1819 1837	68 81

See Appendix F.

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Members.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	1781.		
199.	<i>Susanna (Dwight)</i> , wife of Dr. Estes Howe. She was daughter of (42). She died, Dr. Howe was the first practising physician that settled in the place. He remained here through life, died in 1825, aged 79.	1785	40
200.	<i>Joseph Bridgman</i> , son of (16), married Ruth Wright of Northampton, June, 1770. They had four sons and two daughters; their sons were Wright (302), Joseph, see (440), Theodore (550), and Jonathan (411), Mary and Sarah. Joseph, (200), Church records say, "an eminent saint who has long been waiting for his departure; earnestly desiring to depart and be with Christ." He died,	1826	80
	<i>See Appendix C.</i>		
201.	<i>Hulda Warner</i> , daughter of (41). She married Simeon Bardwell, son of Capt. Jonathan Bardwell and Violet his wife (68) in 1781. She died,	1782	26
202.	<i>Esther Warner</i> , daughter of Ebenezer Warner. She died,	1784	23
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
203.	<i>David Converse,</i> }		
204.	Wife of D. Converse, }		
	From the church in Stafford, and removed from here.		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
1782.			
205.	<i>Submit Warner</i> , daughter of Moses Warner; she married Samuel Clark, son of (154), in 1783. Their sons, Samuel and Caleb, removed to Pelham.		
206.	<i>Barnabas Fay</i> . He married Cloe Packard, of Pelham, in September, 1783, and removed to Greenwich, South Parish, now Enfield. Their daughter Rhoda was baptized there by Rev. Mr. Forward, July, 13th, 1789, the day the church in Enfield was organized.		
207.	<i>Eunice Hannum</i> . She married Ephraim Danks, Jr., of Northampton, in 1783, and removed there.		
1783.			
208.	<i>Amasa Clough</i> .		
209.	<i>Thriphena (Cowles)</i> , wife of (208).		
210.	<i>Throop Chapman</i> . Throop Chapman and wife were the parents of Esther, Susanna, Jonathan W., Throop, Deborah, Sybel, and Isaac C.		
211.	<i>Deborah (Wilson)</i> , wife of (210).		
212.	Widow of Israel Cowles, Jr.		
213.	<i>Irene (Dickinson)</i> , wife of Joel Green; she was from Granby.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
213½.	<i>Mercy</i> , wife of John Thayer, from the church in Mendon. She died,	1783	64
214.	Wife of Nathaniel Goodale, from the church in Woodstock. .	1811	
	1784.		
215.	<i>Col. Elijah Dwight</i> , son of (42). He was a deacon in this church, chosen in 1793 ; was an active and useful man in advancing the interests of the town and church, and a benefactor of both. He made great pecuniary sacrifices in the erection and completing the present meeting house, in 1791. He gave by deed, dated April 1st, 1791, three acres of land, comprising the ground on which the house stands, and the common in front of it, to the inhabitants of Belchertown, including the house, as a place of public worship for the congregational church and society, so long as the same shall be used for that purpose, reserving the pews in said house that had been sold to individuals and the singers-seats belong to pew proprietors; the seats <i>not</i> sold to individual proprietors, walls of the house and pulpit, belong to the society. The church records say of him, "he was public spirited and a benefactor to the town." He died, September,	1795	47
216.	<i>Diana (Hinsdale)</i> , wife of Elijah Dwight; after the death of Col.		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	Dwight, she married Dr. Estes Howe, in 1797. She died January,	1833	80
217.	<i>Solomon Hannum</i> , son of (33), brother of (757).	1810	50
218.	<i>Jerusha (Morgan)</i> , wife of Solomon Hannum. 1785.		
219.	<i>Mary Hannum</i> . She married Chester Bardwell, of Shelburne in 1789, and removed to that place.		
220.	<i>Rebeckah (Whitney)</i> , wife of Reuben Coates, removed.		
221.	<i>Maj. Josiah Lyman</i> , son of (3). Tradition says, he was the first male child born in this place that lived to adult years; he was baptized at Northampton, March 24th, 1736, by President Edwards. He lived here and raised a family; he removed to Goshen, this county, several years before his death; he died there, at a very advanced age, about, <i>See Appendix B.</i> 1785.		90
222.	<i>Eltakim Phelps</i> , son of (86), was deacon, chosen in 1808, and a prominent man in the place, a magistrate, and many years a representative in the general court from this town, and the church records say, "a pillar in the church." He died,	1824	69

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age
223.	<i>Eldad Parsons</i> , son of (38), and (69), a magistrate, an active man. The church records say of him, "a soldier of the Revolution, a man of vigorous and active mind, of a warm temperament, and an ardent friend of the gospel, and kingdom of Christ." He died,	1823	68
224.	<i>Experience (Bardwell)</i> , wife of (223). She was daughter of Martin Bardwell. and sister of (418.) She died,	1800	40
225.	<i>Mabel</i> , wife of H. Bardwell.		
226.	<i>Samuel Davis</i> .	1823	81
227.	<i>Jonas N. Belknap</i> , son of (94).		
228.	<i>Esther (Parker)</i> , wife of (227).		
229.	<i>Amasa Smith</i> , son of (9), was chosen deacon in this church, in 1795; married Sophia Lyman (231) in 1787; was Major in the militia, carried on the business of farming till 1802; then left town, turned his attention to study, in preparation for the gospel ministry; he was licensed to preach and settled in North Yarmouth, now state of Maine, in 1804; dismissed from there, and afterwards settled in Cumberland, same state, where he spent the remnant of his days in usefulness, laboring in his calling for the good of his fellow men; there he died, at an advanced age, in the year	1847	91
230.	<i>Aaron Lyman</i> , son of (221), deacon, married Electa Graves, (243), daughter of Joseph Graves, removed.		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
231.	<i>Sophia Lyman</i> , daughter of (221), married (229).		
232.	<i>Margaret (Dwight)</i> , wife of 'Thomas A. Gates. She was the daughter of Elihu Dwight, who was the eldest son of (42). Elihu died in 1760, aged 23. Margaret died,	1841	83
	1785.		
233.	<i>Joseph Bardwell, Jr.</i> , son of (66), married Sybil Smith, in 1774; resided in Belchertown, till 1800; moved to Worthington, where he resided eight years, and then moved to Goshen, where he resided eight years, then to South Hadley, to reside with his sons, Josiah Bardwell, Esq. and Dea. Alonzo Bardwell, where he spent the remainder of his days. He held the office of deacon in churches with which he was connected. His standard of religious character was high; his love of religious truth, and its fruits were seen most conspicuously in his life. He died at his son's, Dea. A. Bardwell, of South Hadley,	1838	88
234.	<i>Joseph Fisher</i> ,	1829	76
235.	<i>Phineas Warner</i> , son of (41),	1849	86
	<i>See Appendix H.</i>		
236.	<i>Submit Lewis</i> , married (234) in 1785. She was a second wife, and died,	1829	55
237.	<i>Cloe Shumway</i> , daughter of Asa and		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age
	Eunice Shumway. She married Samuel Cowles of Hatfield, in 1790 ; removed to Hatfield, left a widow, and returned here and died,	1826	61
238.	<i>Daniel Smith, Jr.</i> , son of (7),	1817	72
239.	<i>Katherine (Bardwell)</i> , wife of (238), daughter of Martin Bardwell, and sister of (224) ; removed after the death of her husband.		
240.	<i>Stephen Warner</i> , son of (41),	1798	40
241.	<i>Amasa Towne</i> , son of Israel and Naomi Towne, (104). See that No. He died,	1820	65
	<i>See Appendix E.</i>		
242.	<i>Margaret (Smith)</i> , wife of (241), daughter of No. (9), and sister of (229), (248), and (279). She died,	1821	64
	<i>See Appendix A. and E.</i>		
243.	<i>Hezekiah Walker</i> , son of (99),	1845	84
244.	<i>Thomas Chapin</i> , grand-son of (48), son of Thomas Chapin, Jr.		
245.	<i>Pliny Sikes</i> , son of Abner Sikes, of Ludlow, removed by letter to Westhampton, where he lived to an advanced age.		
246.	<i>Noah Sexton</i> , from West Springfield, was brother of (318).		
247.	<i>Jacob Smith</i> , son of (11), removed		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	to Hadley, in 1788, where he now lives ; has sustained the office of deacon in the church there for many years ; brother to the Rev. Ethan Smith, well-known as the writer on the Prophecies and on the Revelations.		
	1785.		
248.	<i>John Smith</i> , son of (9), graduated at Dartmouth College, in 1794, studied Theology, and was settled in the ministry in Salem, New Hampshire, January 4th, 1797, continued there in the ministry till November, 21st, 1816, when he was dismissed ; he was again installed in the ministry in Wenham, Massachusetts, in 1817, and in 1819, he received the appointment of Professor of Sacred Literature and Theology in the Divinity School at Bangor, Maine, which office he accepted, and where he remained in the faithful discharge of his duties till his death. He possessed good powers of mind, was dilligent in his calling, successful in his ministerial labors. His Alma-Mater conferred on him the degree of D. D. several years before his death. He attained a distinction in classical and Theological Science, and for years held a prominent standing among the Divines of New England. He died April 14th,	1831	65
249.	<i>Giles Lyman</i> , son of (221), removed to Goshen, in 1803 ; he married his wife from Middletown ; she removed her church relation here in 1798, and		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	removed to Goshen in 1803, with his father Josiah Lyman.		
250.	<i>Oliver Parsons</i> , son of (69), brother of (223), removed to Granby, and died there, (killed by blowing rocks in a well), about the year,	1804	38
251.	<i>Phebe Smith</i> , daughter of (9), married Israel Russell, of Sunderland, in 1788, and removed there.		
252.	<i>Asenath Root</i> , daughter of (105), married William Towne, in 1788, and removed to Granville, New Nork.		
253.	<i>Electa Graves</i> , daughter of Joseph and Eunice Graves, married (230), in 1788.		
254.	<i>Amy Sexton</i> , daughter of Noah Sexton, of West Springfield, and sister of (318), married (260), in 1787.		
	1786.		
255.	<i>Rufus Kentfield</i> , the son of (140) and (141), married Mary Belknap, November, 1773. He died,	1787	37
256.	<i>James Walker, Jr.</i> , son of (99), was chosen deacon 1804.		
257.	<i>Deborah (Sikes)</i> , wife of James Walker, Jr., (Deacon).	1839	78
258.	<i>Capt. Jonathan Towne</i> , son of Israel and Naomi Towne, (104); he married for his first wife Mary Holbrook, in		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age
	1795; she died in 1796; he then married in 1801, Miriam Warner, daughter of (41). He died,	1824	66
259.	<i>Perez Graves</i> , son of Joseph and Eunice Graves, (131), and brother of (459), removed to the church in Orono, Maine, in 1826.		
260.	<i>Enos Smith</i> , son of (9), born 1761, married (264), in 1787, and removed.		
261.	<i>Jonathan Lyman</i> , son of (221), born 1767, married for his first wife, Electa Bardwell, daughter of (223); she died in Goshen, where he resided, March, 1824, aged 47. He then married Lydia Towne, daughter of (241). He was deacon of the church in Goshen. He removed to Granby, where he died September, 27th, 1846.	1846	79
262.	<i>Benjamin Stebbins</i> , 2d, removed.		
263.	<i>Sarah (Scott)</i> , wife of Capt. Elisha Warner, (722).	1812	62
264.	<i>Abel Clough</i> .		
265.	<i>Hannah Melvin</i> , married John Allen McElwain, of Palmer, in 1793, and removed there.		
266.	<i>Lydia Sexton</i> , daughter of Noah Sexton of West Springfield, sister of (318). She died,	1784	19
267.	<i>Susanna Graves</i> , daughter of Joseph and Eunice Graves, (131); she married		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	Nathan Parsons, Jr., in the year 1787, and removed to Bangor, Maine. Nathan, Jr., was son of (38).		
268.	<i>Cloe Mahulan.</i>		
269.	<i>Tabitha Sikes.</i>		
270.	<i>Oliver Wright.</i> He married for his first wife, Lydia Cowles, daughter of (56), in 1779. She died in 1790, aged 34. He then married Elizabeth Brown, in 1792, and removed. He was uncle to Jonathan Wright, (his father's brother), No. (446 $\frac{1}{2}$).		
	1786.		
271.	<i>Lydia (Cowles),</i> wife of (270).	1790	34
272.	<i>Josiah Cowles,</i> son of (56), born 1761. He died,	1822	61
273.	<i>Clarissa Dwight,</i> daughter of Justus Dwight, grand-daughter of (42). She married Rev. Asa McFarland, D. D., of Concord, New Hampshire, in 1799, and died, He again married Nancy Dwight, a daughter of Pliny Dwight, and grand-daughter of (42). See (196), explanation.	1800	30
274.	<i>Joseph Reed.</i>	1818	68
275.	<i>Sarah (Morgan),</i> wife of Benjamin Billings, daughter of (52); her husband died in 1826, aged 85. She died	1839	88

Members.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
276.	<i>Molly Root</i> , daughter of (105); she married (436), in 1816, 2d wife; see (439). She died,	1835	69
277.	<i>Phebe (Baggs)</i> , daughter of Noble Baggs; she married (757), in 1789. 1787.		
278.	First wife of Joseph Reed. 1789.	1802	46
279.	<i>Eli Smith</i> , son of (9), brother of (229) and (248). He pursued a course of classical study, entered Brown University in 1788; graduated in 1792; studied Theology and settled in the ministry, in Hollis, New Hampshire, November 27th, 1793, continued there in the diligent and useful discharge of his ministerial duties, till June, 1830, when he was dismissed. He remained in that place till his death.	1848	90
280.	<i>Susanna</i> , wife of James Smith, and himself a communicant. Church records say of him, a "venerable saint." He died,	1831 1828	64 84
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
281.	Second wife of Stephen Newton, from the church in East Bridgwater; she was widow Lydia Cary, recommended to this church by letter from Reverends John and Samuel Angin, dated 1784. These were colleague pastors,		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	father and son. Mr. Newton's first wife, Mary, died in 1783, aged 68.		
	1789.		
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
285.	<i>Robert Emmons</i> , from the church in Amherst, by letter, he resided in Granby; came to this town, in 1784, and here remained till his death, left one son Eli, a graduate of Dartmouth College, in 1795, physician, (became deranged) and died in Amherst about 1828.	1790	55
286.	<i>Timothy Rice</i> , father of Horatio Rice.		
287.	<i>Elizabeth (Howe)</i> , wife of (286). They came from church in Western, (now Warren), by letter. (She was sister to Dr. Estes Howe). He died,	1813	78
287½.	<i>Widow Amy Sexton</i> , from the church in Springfield. She married (99), in 1787; her letter from that church dated before marriage, not presented till after. She was mother to (318). She died January 9th,	1835	94
	1790.		
288.	<i>Jonathan Smith</i> , born 1742. He died,	1824	82
289.	<i>Phoebe (Squier)</i> , wife of (288).	1797	25

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	1792.		
290.	<i>David Kentfield</i> , son of William and Sarah Kentfield, (141) and (142).		
291.	<i>Mary (Smith)</i> , wife of (290), daughter of (167). The children of David and Mary, were Jonathan, William, Rebekah, Samuel, Rhoda, Rufus, Triphenee, Triphosa, and Smith. She died	1802	44
	1793.		
292.	<i>Mark Stacy</i> , son of Capt. Isaac Stacy, who came to this place, from Sturbridge, in 1773. Mark married Julia Root, daughter of (105), in 1788.		
293.	<i>Julia (Root)</i> , wife of Mark Stacy. They had three sons, Ira, (475), Arba, (530), Alanson, (909), and three daughters, Hannah, (541), married (878), Dimmis, (629) and Julia (630). Mrs. Mark Stacy died,	1850	86
294.	<i>Abner Hunt</i> .		
295.	<i>Dimmis (Root)</i> , his wife, daughter of (105). They were married in 1797, their sons were John, and William W. (465); the latter was a graduate of Williams College, in 1820, studied Theology and settled in the ministry, in North Amherst, in 1827; continuing in the ministerial office there till his death.	1837	41
	Abner Hunt and wife removed their church relation, to the church in Williamsburg, in 1833. He died,	1847	70

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
296.	<i>Freeman Burr.</i>		
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
297.	<i>Joseph Coleburn,</i>	} removed.	
298.	<i>Elizabeth, his wife,</i>		
299.	<i>William Bickwall, from the church in Ashford, Connecticut.</i>		
300.	<i>Anna, wife of (298), from the same. They were recommended by this church to the church in Westford, Massachusetts, in 1808, and removed there.</i>		
301.	<i>Hannah, wife of Elihu Sanford, from the church in Medway. She died,</i>	1769	31
	1794.		
302.	<i>Wright Bridgman, son of (200). He died,</i>	1839	67
303.	<i>Haddassah Bardwell, daughter of (233); she married Spencer Clark, removed to Huntington, Ohio, and died there, February 19th, 1843, aged 69.</i>	1843	69
304.	<i>Electa Bardwell, daughter of (233); she married Dea. Jonathan Lyman, (261) which see. She died,</i>	1824	47
305.	<i>Susanna (Willard), wife of Jonas Holland, from the church in Petersham. She died at Amherst. Her husband had been a prominent man in</i>		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age
	town business here for many years. He died July, 1795.	1837	78
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
308.	<i>Samuel Worthington,</i> }		
309.	<i>Elizabeth, his wife,</i> }		
	From the church in Shelburne, they were formerly here, came from Colchester, see (91) and (92), removed to Shelburne about the year 1787, and came back in 1795. Samuel Worthington, was brother to widow Amy Sexton, (287½).		
	1796.		
810.	<i>Polly, wife of Benjamin Haynes.</i>		
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
311.	<i>William Worthington,</i> }		
312.	<i>Wife of Wm. Worthington,</i> }		
	From the church in Colchester, to this church, and recommended from this church to Bolton, Connecticut.		
	1796.		
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
313.	<i>Israel Trask, to this Church from Brimfield, and then from this church back there.</i>		
314.	<i>Capt. Phineas Strong, from the Church in Hebron, Connecticut. He died,</i>	1827	71

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
315.	<i>Anna (Filer)</i> , wife of (314). She died, 1797. <i>Bulah Smith</i> , daughter of (163), removed. 1798.	1815	56
316.	<i>Silas Walker</i> , son of (99), married Dimmis Sexton, in 1792. Their children are five sons and four daughters. Sons Horace, Tertius, Samuel, Charles, and Lyman. Charles was a graduate of Yale College, in 1823; studied physic and settled in Northampton; Horace (474), Tertius (477), Charles (624), Lyman (954). They had four daughters, Amy (490), married John Marshall (585), Lucy (639), Almira (991), married Salem Towne, Philura C. (1059), married (1034), in 1840.		
317.	<i>Dimmis (Sexton)</i> , wife of Silas Walker, daughter of Noah Sexton, of West Springfield.		
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
318.	<i>Mary</i> , the wife of Giles Lyman, from the first church in Middletown.		
319.	<i>Maj. John Gilbert</i> , from the church in Hebron, Connecticut. He was father of (558). He died,	1817	68
319½.	<i>Amelia</i> , his wife, received January, 7th, 1799. She died	1825	74

Members.	Names.	Deaths.	Age
	<i>Deborah</i> , wife of Samuel Ingalls, from the church in Abbingdon.		
319 $\frac{7}{8}$.	<i>Abigail</i> , wife of Joseph Tucker, from Walpole; letter by Rev. Mr. Morey. 1800.		
320.	<i>Rhoda (Root)</i> , wife of (635), daugh- ter of (105).		
321.	<i>Nancy Dwight</i> , daughter of Pliny Dwight and grand-daughter of (42), married Dr. McFarland, of Concord. in 1801, and removed. See (196).		
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
322.	<i>Daniel Porter</i> , } They came from		
323.	Wife of (322), } the church in He- bron, Rev. Mr. Bassett. 1801.		
324.	<i>Jemima</i> , wife of Oliver Bridgman.	1825	70
325.	<i>Lydia (Merrick)</i> , wife of (731), she was from Wilbraham, daughter of Noah Merrick, and grand-daughter of Rev. Noah Merrick, the first minister of Wilbraham.		
326.	<i>Lucretia (Warner)</i> , wife of (550), she was the daughter of Jonathan Warner, and grand-daughter of (39). She died,	1814	40
327.	<i>Celena Worthington</i> , daughter of William Worthington.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
328.	<i>Temperance Worthington</i> , daughter of David Worthington, removed to Norwich.		
329.	<i>Eli Wood</i> , from Ludlow, married Hannah Cowles, daughter of (191).		
330.	<i>Hannah (Cowles)</i> , wife of (329). She died,	1813	33
331.	<i>Thankful (Morse)</i> , wife of (410), she was daughter of Asa Morse. She died,	1846	69
332.	<i>Jemima</i> , wife of Abner Cowles, he was brother of (191), her husband died May, 1837, aged 76. She died,	1821	51
333.	<i>Elizabeth Morse</i> , daughter of Asa Morse, and sister of (331); she married Lemuel Paine, in 1806.		
<i>From other Churches.</i>			
334.	<i>William Holland</i> , physician, from the church in Chester, Rev. Aaron Bascom, pastor. See (442).		
335.	<i>Clarissa (Moseley)</i> , from Westfield, (daughter of Col. John Moseley), wife of Dr. William Holland. She died, Col. Moseley died, about the year 1788, at Westfield.	1808	37
336.	<i>Susanna</i> , wife of Robert Ames, from the church in Jaffery, N. H.	1809	67

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	1802.		
337.	<i>Miriam (Warner)</i> , second wife of (258), daughter of (41), married in 1801, left a widow in 1824. She again married in 1826 to James Whitcomb, of Williamsburgh, and removed there.	1829	75
338.	<i>Abigail (Pomeroy)</i> , wife of (459), she was from Granville; she with her husband removed from here to Manchester, near the Falls of Niagara, New York, in 1828.		
339.	<i>Sally Bridgman</i> , daughter of (200).		
340.	<i>Abner Phelps</i> , son of (222). He was a graduate of Williams College, in 1806, studied theology—was licensed to preach; then turned his course of study to medicine, and in 1815, commenced the practice in Boston, where he has since resided. In 1814, he received the degree of M. D., from Brown University, and from Yale College.		
341.	<i>Joshua Cowles</i> , son of (86). He died, March,	1842	66
342.	<i>Elizabeth (Rice)</i> , wife of (341). She was daughter of (286). She died,	1844	66
343.	<i>Anna Rice</i> , daughter of (286), married Chester Allen, in 1805, and removed to a church in Springfield, in 1829.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
344.	<i>Elijah Nichols</i> , son of Mitchel Nichols, and Lydia his wife of Brookfield, Lydia died in this town in 1811, aged 75; her son Elijah died,	1848	81
345.	<i>Mary Giddings</i> , wife of (344), daughter of James Giddings of South Hadley; James Giddings, married Hannah Fairfield, daughter of (23), in 1766. Mary died,	1846	77
346.	<i>Zerviah Rice</i> , daughter of (286). She married (384), in 1803. They removed to Chicopee, in 1835. She died May, 1802.	1845	70
347.	<i>Sarah Worthington</i> , removed to a church in North Bolton, 1803.		
348.	<i>Nathan Barnaby</i> , removed in 1834.		
349.	<i>Anna</i> , wife of (348). She died,	1829	63
350.	<i>Elizabeth</i> , second wife of (288). See 289. 1803.		
351.	<i>Remembrance Root</i> , son of (124), married Truelove Fisher, daughter of (234). He died while on a journey in Ohio, June,	1836	65
352.	<i>Truelove (Fisher)</i> , wife of (351), daughter of (234).		
353.	<i>Abner Towne</i> , son of Israel and Naomi Towne, No. (104). He removed his church relation to Granby		

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	church, in 1823, continuing his residence in this town and remained so till death.	1828	60
354.	<i>Kersiah (Fairfield)</i> , wife of (353), daughter of (148), removed her church relation to Granby, with her husband in 1823; after his death, she removed her church relation back to this church in 1829.	1849	68
355.	Wife of Benjamin Morgan; her husband was son of (52).		
356.	<i>Mary (Wilkinson)</i> , wife of Aaron Rhoades; she was a native of Sharon, Massachusetts. He was a native of Walpole, Massachusetts; they came to this town in 1789. He died in 1843, aged 79. He was son of Stephen Rhoades, formerly of Walpole.		
357.	<i>Elizabeth (Fisher)</i> , second wife of Elihu Sanford, daughter of (234), removed to a church in Albany, in 1827, and changed their residence. Her husband died in 1839, aged 79.		
<i>From other Churches.</i>			
358.	<i>Solomon Towne</i> , from the church in Greenwich, Rev. Joseph Blodget, pastor. 1804.		
359.	<i>Joseph Angier</i> , church records say, "A good man."	1816	48
360.	<i>Fanny</i> , wife of (359), removed.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age
361.	<i>Darius Root</i> , son of (124), brother of (351), died in Ludlow.		
362.	<i>Dorcas (Sikes)</i> , wife of (361), they removed to Ludlow.		
363.	<i>Deborah Phelps</i> , daughter of (34). She died,	1816	73
364.	Wife of Joseph Reid, 2d wife. See (278).	1828	60
<i>From other Churches.</i>			
365.	<i>Samuel Chapman</i> ,	}	From the
366.	Wife of S. Chapman.		
	Bolton, Rev. E. Kellogg, pastor, removed.		church in
367.	<i>Nancy</i> , second wife of William Bickwell, from the church in Ashford, to this church; and again recommended by this church to that in Westford, in 1808, and removed.		
1805.			
368.	<i>Nabby</i> , wife of Jedediah Green.		
369.	<i>Jonathan Randall</i> .		
370.	<i>Rhoda (Shumway)</i> , wife of Jonathan Randall, daughter of (174).		
371.	<i>Nancy (Howe)</i> , wife of Ichabod Sanford, she was daughter of Dr. Estes Howe, see (199), the mother of Rev. William H. Sanford, of Boylston. She died,	1840	65

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	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
372.	<i>John M. Pearl</i> , from the church in Bolton, Connecticut, Rev. E. Kellogg, pastor.		
373.	Wife of (372), from Bolton,		
374.	<i>John Marshall</i> . Church records say, "A man of much good sense which was rendered exceedingly valuable to the world, and consecrated to the best use by faith, hope, and prayer, a warm active christian, greatly lamented. He died,	1815	52
375.	<i>Betsey</i> , wife of (374). Church records say, "She was distinguished for good sense, kind, affectionate, amiable manners, and heavenly-mindedness. She died November,	1816	51
	They were from the church in Bolton, Connecticut.		
376.	<i>Susan Dwight</i> , daughter of Col. Elijah Dwight (215). In 1812, she married Mason Shaw, Esq. and removed to Castine, Maine. In 1821, they removed to this place.		
377.	<i>Cynthia</i> , wife of Dudley Phelps, he died in 1820, aged 48. She married (223), in 1821, her second husband died in 1823, and she removed to Groton.		
378.	<i>Enos Lincoln</i> .		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
379.	<i>Ruth (Shumway)</i> , wife of (378), daughter of (730). She died,	1851	77
380.	<i>Hannah (Barber)</i> , wife of Gurdon Filer. She died, Her husband Gurdon Filer, died in this town in 1840, aged 79. He was son of Samuel Filer, who died in Granby, in 1798, aged 68; his wife and widow died in this town January, 1827, aged 89. He was son of Samuel Filer, who was born in Hebron, Connecticut, in the year 1700. This Samuel born in 1700, was son of Samuel Filer, who died in Windsor in 1710, and was the son of Zerubabell Filer, who was born in Windsor in 1644. He was son of Walter Filer, who settled in Windsor in 1636, came from Dorchester England, with Rev. Mr. Wareham and Henry Wolcott; Walter was a Deputy to the General Court, in 1647; he died in Windsor, in 1683. Samuel Filer, who died in Granby, in 1799, was father of Gurdon Filer, and John Filer, and a daughter Anna, who married (314), which see. Gurdon Filer was father of George Filer, now a merchant in this place. John his brother was father of Humphrey T. Filer, now extensively engaged in the carriage business in this place. John his father died here 1850, aged 81; leaving two sons, Humphrey T. and Samuel. Gurdon Filer and John Filer had a brother by the name of Samuel. He died in the Revolutionary war in the year 1779, aged 25.	1841	74

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	1806.		
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
381.	<i>Harris Hatch,</i>		
382.	<i>Deborah,</i> his wife. } They were from the church in Pelham, to this place, Rev. Mr. Brainard, pastor, and recommended by this church to that in Chesterfield, in 1812, and removed there.		
383.	<i>Grace (Warriner),</i> first wife of (724). From the north church in Wilbraham, Rev. E. Witter, pastor. The church records say of her, "A most valuable woman." She died,	1821	39
384.	<i>Abner Blodget,</i> from the church in Palmer, Rev. Mr. Baldwin, pastor, removed. See (346).		
385.	<i>Sally,</i> wife of Samuel Smith, from the church in south parish, Greenwich, (now Enfield), Rev. Mr. Crosby, pastor.		
386.	<i>Leavett Hewins,</i>		
387.	Wife of L. Hewins. } From the church in Sharon, and again removed.		
	1807.		
388.	<i>Betsey,</i> wife of Robert Dunbar, her husband died in 1807, aged 62, he was the father of (801). In 1809, she married Rev. John Emerson, of Conway and removed there.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
389.	<i>Eunice Forward</i> , daughter of Rev. Justus Forward; she married (340), in 1808; she was the fifth daughter of Rev. Mr. Forward, that died of consumption. Died	1809	29
390.	<i>Sarah</i> , wife of Timothy Chase.		
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
391.	<i>Abigail (Willard)</i> , wife of (408), from the church in Petersham.		
392.	<i>Joshua Clark</i> , son of (154), from the church in Granby, Rev. Elijah Gridley, pastor; he resided in Granby, and again became connected with that church.		
393.	<i>Olive</i> , wife of Reuben Prentice, from the church in Somers, Rev. Wm. L. Strong, pastor, and returned to that church by certificate in 1812.		
	1808.		
394.	<i>Susanna Rice</i> , daughter of (287), she married Edward Frink, of Ashford, in 1813 and removed. She died,	1822	42
395.	<i>Luther Holland</i> , he died in the State of New York.	1851	74
396.	<i>Charissa</i> , wife of (395). She died, He again married (416).	1817	39
397.	<i>Amasa Fairfield</i> , son of (148).		
398.	<i>Lydia</i> , (<i>Whitney</i>), wife (397).		

Number.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
399.	<i>Samuel Gilbert</i> , son to Maj. John Gilbert, removed with his wife (401), to the church in Medway, in 1827.		
400.	<i>Lucretia Towne</i> , daughter of (241), she married John Witt, Jr., of Granby, in 1812, removed her church relation there in 1826.		
401.	<i>Polly Hatch</i> , daughter, of (381), married (399), in 1810, and removed with her husband to Medway.		
402.	<i>Elizabeth (Pearl)</i> , wife of Eli Mil- lard, sister of (372). She died,	1824	43
<i>From other Churches.</i>			
408.	<i>Clarissa</i> , wife of Erasmus Shumway, from the church in Greenwich, Rev. Mr. Blodget, pastor, and again returned there with her husband. He died there. Erasmus was son of (730).		
404.	<i>Olive Hyde</i> , widow of John Hyde, from the church in Sturbridge. Rev. Otis Lane, pastor. Her husband died April 1808, aged 58.		
405.	<i>Benjamin Kilbourn</i> , }	1817	87
406.	<i>Elizabeth</i> , his wife, } From the Bolton, Rev. E. Kellogg, pastor. Benjamin died,		
407.	<i>Lucindia (Fairfield)</i> , wife of Pliny Witt. She was from the church in Plainfield, Rev. Mr. Hallock, pastor. Pliny Witt, was son of (747).		

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Numbers.	Names. 1809.	Deaths.	Age.
408.	<i>Ebenezer Bridgman</i> , son of (187).		
409.	<i>Elihu Smead</i> , adopted son of (238).		
410.	<i>Nathaniel Walker</i> , son of (99), which see.		
411.	<i>Jonathan Bridgman</i> , son of (200), removed by letter to south church in Amherst, at its formation in 1824; letter certifying to the council his standing in this church, had resided in the south part of Amherst many years.	1851	70
412.	<i>Aaron Walker</i> , son of (243), re- moved to Ware.		
413.	<i>Esther Clark</i> , daughter of (154), married Isaiah Wing, of Conway, in 1809, and removed there.		
414.	<i>Jane Clark</i> , daughter of Samuel Clark, and grand-daughter of (154); she married Abijah Harding, in 1819, and moved to Illinois.		
415.	<i>Submit Clark</i> , daughter of Samuel Clark, and grand-daughter of (154), married (412), in 1812, and removed.		
416.	<i>Mercy Smith</i> , daughter of (139), married (395), in 1818.		
417.	<i>Polly (Steward)</i> , wife of Martin Bardwell, Jr. He was son to Martin (418), who died in this town, in 1824, aged 84. He was son to Martin, who		

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	was son to John Bardwell. See Appendix I. Martin, the husband of Polly (417), died in 1814, aged 43. Polly was daughter of Rev. Antipas Steward, who was the first congregational minister settled in Ludlow, settled there in 1793, dismissed 1803, died in this town January, 1814, aged 81. Polly was admitted to the church June 11th, 1809, at her residence, she being dangerously sick.	1809	33
418.	<i>Martin Bardwell</i> , see (417).	1824	84
419.	Widow Sarah Graves, widow of John, who was son of (62).		
420.	<i>Sally (Rich)</i> , wife of (235) sister of (198).	1831	62
421.	<i>Martha (Rice)</i> , wife of (636). She was from Shrewsbury. She died,	1840	62
422.	<i>Judith Hatch</i> , daughter of (381), married (409), in 1812, and removed.		
423.	<i>Elizabeth (Steward)</i> , wife of Alfred Shumway, removed to the church in North Adams, in 1833.		
424.	<i>Eliza Dodge</i> .		
✓ 425.	<i>Samuel Lemon</i> , son of James Lemon of Ware.	1831	82
426.	<i>Jane</i> , wife of (425).	1813	56
427.	<i>Jason Walker</i> , son of (99). He died July 6th, in the 84th year of his age.	1851	83

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
428.	<i>Elizabeth (McIntosh)</i> , wife (427). She died,	1849	73
429.	<i>Elizabeth Buxton</i> , married (530), in 1811, and moved with her husband to the church in Granby, 1832. She was the daughter of William Buxton who came to this town from Union, Connecticut, with a family in 1794. 1810.		
430.	<i>Samuel Hinsdale Stebbins</i> , son of (129).		
431.	<i>Benjamin Howe</i> , son of Benjamin Howe, and Margaret his wife.	1844	50
432.	<i>Enos Chase</i> .		
433.	<i>Samuel Shumway</i> , son of (174).		
434.	<i>Capt. James Whitman</i> , son of John Whitman, of Bridgewater, came to this town in 1797, from Bridgewater.		
435.	<i>Kata (Smith)</i> , his wife, she was daughter of Samuel and Susan Smith (280). She died,	1845	74
436.	<i>Amasa Cowles</i> , son of (56). He died	1842	73
437.	<i>Lydia (Mahurin)</i> , his wife. (the 1st wife). See (276). She died,	1813	44
438.	<i>Orlando Root</i> , son. of (105). He died,	1823	46

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
439.	<i>Elizabeth (Ramsdell)</i> , wife of (438). She was the daughter of Joseph Ramsdell.		
440.	<i>Ruth (Hawkes)</i> , wife of Joseph Bridgman, Esq. She was from Charlemont, sister of Rev. Roswell Hawkes, who was settled minister in Cummington, for several years. Her husband, Joseph was son of (200), he died in 1836, aged 63; he was a graduate of Dartmouth College 1795, was a prominent man in the town, a magistrate, lawyer by profession, representative to the general court, and justly possessed the confidence of the community. She died,	1850	72
441.	<i>Polly (Bardwell)</i> , wife of (481). She was the daughter of (418).		
442.	<i>Bethsina (Fowler)</i> , second wife of Wm. Holland, physician (334). She was the daughter of Medad Fowler, formerly of Westfield; she came to this church from the church in Blandford, Rev. John Keep, pastor. In 1813, she with her husband removed to Westfield, and returned to this church and place in 1819, and in 1832, removed to Canandagua, New York. 1811.		
443.	<i>Lydia Dwight</i> , the daughter of Samuel Dwight.		
444.	<i>Henrietta Warner</i> , daughter of (235), married (720), in 1821, second wife. She died,	1831	38

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
<i>From other Churches.</i>			
445.	<i>Mary</i> , wife of William Buxton, from the church in Sturbridge.		
446.	<i>Lucy</i> , wife of Asa Woods, from the church in New-Braintree, Rev. John Fisk, pastor. 1812.		
446½.	<i>Hannah</i> , wife of Paul Pettingill.		
446¾.	<i>Jonathan Wright</i> , son of Cyprian Wright, formerly of Ludlow; who married Lucy Sikes of Ludlow, in October, 1784.		
447.	<i>Sally (Dwight)</i> , wife of Moses Kilbourn. She was the daughter of Sam'l Dwight; was drowned in Swift River, the horse she rode with took fright and ran into the pond at Swift river mills.	1827	41
<i>From other Churches.</i>			
448.	<i>Azariah Willis</i> , from the church in Brookfield.	1822	67
449.	<i>Malissant</i> , wife of (448), from the church in New-Braintree. She died about,	1815	55
450.	<i>Hannah</i> , first wife of (720). From the church in Poultney, Vermont. She died, 1813.	1820	36
451.	<i>Thomas Brown</i> .	1813	43

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age
452.	<i>Mary</i> , wife of (451).		
453.	<i>Herman Hawes</i> , son of John Hawes, and brother of (468). He died,	1841	58
454.	<i>Mahitibel (Peeso)</i> , first wife of (453). She was the daughter of John Peeso.	1835	39
455.	<i>Jonathan Dwight</i> , son of Justus Dwight and grandson of (42). He died in Amsterdam, N. Y.	1834	64
456.	<i>Amy (Parsons)</i> , wife of Jonathan Dwight; she was the daughter of (223). After the death of her husband she removed her church relation and went from here.		
457.	<i>William Bridgman</i> , Physician, son of (187). He removed to Springfield in 1835.		
458.	<i>Marilla (Parsons)</i> , wife of (457). She was the daughter of (223). She died	1850	63
459.	<i>Josiah Dwight Graves</i> , son of Joseph and Eunice Graves, (131); removed to the Church at Manchester, near the falls of Niagara, State of New York, in 1828.		
459½.	<i>Joseph Graves</i> , son of Joseph and Eunice (131) and brother of (459), and removed with him.		
460.	<i>Henry A. Bridgman</i> , son of (550). Deacon; chosen 1828.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
461.	<i>Elijah Coleman Bridgman</i> , son of (550); a graduate of Amherst College in 1826. Studied Theology; licensed to preach; became a Foreign Missionary; was ordained in this town, October 6, 1829, and sent out under the direction of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, to China. He sailed from New York the 10th of October, and arrived in Canton, China, in February 1830. His labors have been constant and successful. By persevering industry he has become one of the best scholars in the Chinese language, of the age. The honorary degree of D. D. has been conferred on him by an American College. Much of his labor for years has been directed to the translation of the Bible into the Chinese Language. He has done much in giving to the many millions of China, the sacred volume in their own tongue, and is still engaged, unremittingly, in that great christian enterprise.		
462.	<i>Daniel Phelps</i> , chosen Deacon, 1816; son of (222).		
463.	<i>William Phelps</i> , chosen Deacon, 1838; son of (222).		
464.	<i>Samuel Strong</i> , son of (314.)		
465.	<i>William W. Hunt</i> , son of (294) and (295). He was a graduate of Williams College in 1820, and settled in the ministry in North Amherst. Removed his church relation from here to		

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	the Church connected with the Andover Seminary, in 1823. Was the first settled minister in North Amherst.	1837	41
466.	<i>Abia Hannum</i> , daughter of Solomon and Jerusha Hannum, born 1786. Died	1829	43
467.	<i>Learned Scott</i> .		
468.	<i>John Hawes</i> , son of John, brother of (453).		
469.	<i>Chester Allen</i> , son of Edmund Allen. He took a certificate of his membership, to be laid before a Council convened to form a new Church, in a factory village in Springfield, in 1829, and removed there with his wife (343).		
470.	<i>Dudley Phelps</i> , from Hebron, Conn.	1820	48
471.	<i>Dudley Phelps</i> , nephew of (470), graduated at Yale College in 1823, studied Theology, settled in the ministry in Haverhill, and also in Groton, Mass., where he labored faithfully in the ministerial office till his death.	1847	51
472.	<i>Rock Parsons</i> , son of (223) removed to the state of Alabama in 1820, and died there soon after.		
473.	<i>Hezekiah Walker, Jr.</i> , son of (243).		
474.	<i>Horace Walker</i> , son of (317).		
475.	<i>Ira Stacy</i> , son of (292), removed from this church by letter to Ludlow in 1825. Died May	1838	49

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Members.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
476.	<i>Roxana (Glover)</i> , wife of (475), was from Wilbraham; removed to Ludlow with her husband. After the death of her husband (475) she married Jason Miller of Williamsburgh, and removed there in 1843.		
477.	<i>Tertius Walker</i> , son of (317), removed his church relation from here to Enfield in 1824; returned to this place in 1842. Died December	1846	48
478.	<i>Daniel Rider</i> , removed to the church in Holliston, January, 1845.		
479.	<i>Harrison Holland</i> , brother of (395).		
480.	<i>Anna Gilbert</i> , wife of (479), the daughter of Maj. John Gilbert (319½), sister of (558).		
481.	<i>Enos Cowles</i> , son of (85), removed to South Hadley.		
482.	<i>Nehemiah Bugbee</i> .	1848	70
483.	<i>Remember Joshua Cowles</i> , son of (191).		
484.	<i>John Hunt</i> , 3d.		
485.	<i>John Marshall, Jr.</i> , son of (374), removed to the state of New York.		
486.	<i>Catherine Bardwell</i> , daughter of (418). She was second wife of (482). He married Hannah Bardwell, sister of Catherine, in 1801. Hannah died in 1812. In 1813, he married Cath-		

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	crine; she died May, 1819. In 1820, he (Nehemiah Bugbee), married widow Abigail Thayer.		
487.	<i>Mary Nichols</i> , daughter of (344). She married Clark Stone of Enfield, and removed there.		
488.	<i>Polly Rhoades</i> , daughter of Aaron Rhoades and Mary his wife (356). She married (473), November, 1815, and died January,	1816	20
489.	<i>Harriet Howe</i> , daughter of Benjamin Howe. (He married Margaret Graves, daughter of Joseph and Eunice Graves. in 1785.) Harriet married Joseph W. Edson, of New Braintree, in 1819, and removed there.		
490.	<i>Amy Walker</i> , daughter of (317). She married (485), son of (374), in 1817. She died April 25,	1838	42
491.	<i>Oshca Walker</i> , son of (243). Died	1817	28
492.	<i>Esther S. Walker</i> , daughter of (243).		
493.	<i>Lydia Graves</i> , daughter of (459.) In 1822 she married Asahel Clark of Granby and removed there.		
494.	<i>Mary Bridgman</i> , daughter of (550). In 1817 she married (431). She died	1829	30
495.	<i>Triphena Kentfield</i> , daughter of David and Mary Kentfield.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
496.	<i>Lois Dunton</i> , daughter of (582). In 1816 she married (727). She died	1822	27
497.	<i>Marilla Dunton</i> , daughter of (582). Removed her church relation in 1825 to the church at Smyrna, N. Y.		
498.	<i>Diana Phelps</i> , daughter of (222). She married Cornelius Delano of Northampton, and removed there.		
499.	<i>Rebeckah Hunt</i> , daughter of (294). In 1814 she married Jason Miller of Williamsburgh and removed there. She died about 1841. In 1843, Jason Miller married (476), widow of (475), and removed.		
500.	<i>Francis Willson</i> , son of John Will- son, who died in this town in 1818, aged 67. Francis removed to En- field.		
501.	<i>Nancy Bardwell</i> , daughter of (753), and grand-daughter of Capt. Jonathan Bardwell, and Violet his wife (68). In 1821 she married William Cush- man. She died	1823	27
502.	<i>Nancy (Strong)</i> , wife of Charles Dwight, son of (197). She was daugh- ter of (314). Charles Dwight died 1815, aged 34. In 1820 she married (550), a third wife. She died	1839	52
503.	<i>Melissa Parsons</i> , daughter of (223). In 1821 she married Warren Isham, then of Wilbraham. In 1822 she re-		

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	moved her church relation to the Free Communion Church in Tennessee.		
504.	<i>Abigail Strong</i> , daughter of (314). In 1815 she married (550), a second wife. She died	1820	38
505.	<i>Patty Walker</i> , daughter of (256), married Mr. Miller of Ludlow.		
506.	<i>Betsey Marshall</i> , daughter of (374). Married (464) in 1815. Died the same year. The Church Records say of her, "a woman of high promise."	1815	19
507.	<i>Diana Howard</i> , daughter of Silas Howard.		
508.	<i>Sally Howard</i> , daughter of Silas Howard. She married John W. Peeso.		
509.	<i>Samuel Daugherty</i> , removed to Illinois.		
510.	<i>Anna (Woods)</i> , wife of (509), daughter of Jonathan Woods.	1824	38
511.	<i>Elihu Root</i> , son of (105).		
512.	<i>Levinah</i> , wife of (511).		
513.	<i>Samuel Ingalls</i> ,		
514.	<i>Clarissa Ingalls</i> , daughter of (513).		
515.	<i>Nathaniel Dwight</i> , son of Justus Dwight, Esq., and grand-son of (42).		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age
516.	<i>Elizabeth (Dunbar)</i> , wife of (515), the daughter of Robert Dunbar and Betsey his wife (388), which sec.		
517.	<i>Justus Dwight, Jr., Esq.</i> , son of Justus Dwight, Esq., and grand-son of (42). He died	1835	54
518.	<i>Sophia (Dwight)</i> , his 1st wife; she was the daughter of (197). She died In 1817, Justus Dwight, Jr. married Eliza Marshall, daughter of (374), a second wife; see (542).	1814	28
519.	<i>Olive Washburn</i> , daughter of (790). She married (681), in 1821.		
520.	<i>Oliver Hannum</i> , son of Phineas Hannum.		
521.	<i>Gamaliel Hannum</i> , son of Phineas, brother of (520).		
522.	<i>Mercy M. Hannum</i> , daughter of Phineas Hannum, and sister of (737), (520) and of (521).		
522½.	<i>Sally Nichols</i> , daughter of (344). She married Alvin Woods of Brookfield in 1817, and removed.		
523.	<i>Drusilla Rhoades</i> , sister of Thaddeus Rhoades.		
524.	<i>Lucinda Phelps</i> , removed by letter of recommendation to a Council called to form a Church at Lowell.		

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525.	<i>Joel Walker</i> , son of (256), moved away.		
526.	<i>Deborah Walker</i> , daughter of (243).		
527.	<i>Silence Walker</i> , daughter of (243). She died	1821	23
528.	<i>Dara Walker</i> , son of (243). He died	1838	40
529.	<i>Henry Abbey</i> , son of Mason Abbey. Drowned	1813	21
530.	<i>Arby Stacy</i> , son of (292), removed to Church in Granby in 1832, with his wife (429).		
531.	<i>Joel Randall</i> , son of (369), died	1815	21
532.	<i>Abner Towne 2d.</i> , son of (241.) He studied Theology, was licensed to preach, married Eliza Vinton, daughter of Capt. Abiather Vinton of Amherst, and sister of the Hon. Samuel F. Vinton, a leading member of Congress from Ohio. Rev. Abner Towne early in his ministry moved to Ohio, and died young, in that state.		
533.	<i>Asa B. Woods</i> , son of (585), removed by letter to Church in Hartford, Conn., in 1824.		
534.	<i>Joseph Woods</i> , son of Jonathan Woods (585), and brother of (533).		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
535.	<i>Lydia Woods</i> , daughter of Jonathan Woods, (585). She married Joseph Henshaw.		
536.	<i>Susan Woods</i> , daughter of Jonathan Woods (585). She married Geo. Vining of Plainfield, and removed there.		
537.	<i>Apphia (Preston)</i> , wife of (446 $\frac{3}{4}$), daughter of Jabez Preston of Granby, deceased.		
538.	<i>Salem Fisher</i> , son of (234).		
539.	<i>Aldana Fisher</i> , daughter of (234). She married David Liddle and removed to state of New York.		
540.	<i>Theodotia Strong</i> , daughter of (314). She married Mr. Stephen Hill of Shelby, Orleans County, New York, and removed there.		
	1813.		
541.	<i>Hannah Stacy</i> , daughter of (292). She married (878), son of (241), in October 1818.		
	<i>See Appendix E.</i>		
542.	<i>Eliza Marshall</i> , daughter of (374), married (517) in 1818, removed to Church in South Hadley in 1838, and removed back to this Church in 1851.		
543.	<i>Lucy Hamilton</i> , married (679), son of (197), in 1820, and they removed		

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	in 1828 to the church in Niagara, New York.		
544.	<i>Lucy</i> , wife of Ephraim Converse, removed her church relation to Northampton in 1823.		
545.	<i>Anna Angier</i> , daughter of (359), died	1814	22
546.	<i>Patty Angier</i> , daughter of (359). She married Frederick Griswold of Longmeadow in 1821 and removed.		
547.	<i>Prudence Marsh</i> , removed.		
548.	<i>Clarissa Dwight</i> , daughter of (197), married (1266) in 1824.		
549.	<i>Mary Bridgman</i> , daughter of (302). She married Samuel P. Hopkins in 1819.		
549½.	<i>Moses Hannum</i> , son of (29). He died about	1836	79
549¾.	<i>Jerusha Hannum</i> , wife of (549½).		
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
550.	<i>Theodore Bridgman</i> , son of (200). In 1800 he joined the Church in Greenwich South Parish, (now Enfield) while he continued his residence here, and removed his church relation here. Died	1836	61
551.	<i>Vester Willson</i> from church in Pelham.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
552.	Widow Hannah Cleveland, from church in Windham.		
553.	Varney Fellows, from church in Willington, Rev. Hubbel Loomis pastor.		
554.	Sarah (Smith), wife of Rev. Experience Porter, (See notice of her in the historical sketch, connected with that of Mr. Porter,) from the church in Fair Haven, Vt. She died April 19,	1825	44
	<i>See also Appendix N.</i>		
555.	Betsey Matilda (Smith), wife of (647) the daughter of Dan Smith Esq., West Haven, Vt., from church in South Hadley, Rev. Joel Hayes, pastor. The church records say of her: "A lovely woman, the delight of her numerous friends; a friend to the poor and an ornament to her sex; she died as she had for ten years lived, in the exercise of the liveliest hope of the resurrection of the just. In her last sickness, which was 54 days, and fluctuating, she tasted an earnest of the blessedness of those that die in the Lord. She will for a long time be remembered as a distinguished ornament of this Church and Society" She died Nov. 13.	1814	28
	<i>See Appendix N. and P.</i>		
556.	Josiah Fox.		
557.	Wife of (556).		

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<i>By Profession.</i>			
558.	<i>George Gilbert</i> , son of Major John Gilbert (319½) formerly from Hebron, Conn.		
559.	<i>Sylvia (Colton)</i> , his wife. She was from Longmeadow.		
560.	<i>Betsey Pearl</i> , daughter of (372), married Marcus Whitman, son of (434), second wife, about 1822.		
561.	<i>Lydia Lemon</i> , daughter of (425), married (814).		
562.	<i>Lucy Nichols</i> , daughter of (344), married Levi Brown of Norwich, and removed there in 1822.		
563.	<i>Nancy (Colton)</i> wife of (723); sister of (559). She died	1815	30
564.	<i>Eli Strong</i> .		
565.	<i>Betsey Smith</i> , sister of Rev. Mrs. Porter (554). She married (464) in 1816. Daughter of Dr. Phineas Smith, formerly of Sharon, Conn.		
<i>See Appendix N.</i>			
1814.			
566.	<i>Abigail (Day)</i> , wife of Henry Mel- len. Her husband died 1836. She died, November,	1841	68

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age
566½.	<i>Delphia Washburn</i> , from the church in Hardwick, Rev. William B. Weston, Pastor. She married (720), August, 1831. He died in 1834. She again married Mr. Allen, of Sturbridge.		
	1815.		
567.	<i>Susan (Gates)</i> , wife of (801), daughter of Thomas A. Gates and Margaret his wife (232). She died	1847	62
568.	<i>Willis Ingalls</i> .		
569.	<i>Horatio Parsons</i> , son of (250), graduated at Williams College in 1820, studied Theology, and was settled for a time in the ministry at Manchester, Vt.; dismissed and stationed again in the ministry near the Falls of Niagara, New York; removed his relation from this church years ago.		
570.	<i>Eliakim Phelps, Jr.</i> , son of (222), graduate of Union College in 1814. Settled in the ministry in West Brookfield in 1818; dismissed in 1824, and afterwards settled at Geneva, New York, and dismissed from there; received the degree of D. D.; is now residing in Stratford, Conn. without ministerial charge.		
571.	<i>Susan (Moody)</i> , wife of Enos Chase, the daughter of Joseph Moody of South Hadley.		
572.	<i>Wife</i> of (637).		

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<i>From other Churches.</i>			
573.	<i>Enoch Burnett</i> , from the church in Granby, Rev. Mr. Gridley, Pastor. He was brother of Jonathan, Stephen, and Arza Burnett. Arza was father of (1243). Enoch died	1850	68
574.	<i>Sophia (Chapin)</i> , wife of (573).		
575.	<i>Sarah (Hall)</i> , wife of Elkanah Atwood, from Sutton, died	1842	66
576.	<i>Thomas Sabin</i> , from church in North Wilbraham, died	1829	85
577.	<i>Abigail</i> , wife of (576), from church in North Wilbraham, died	1821	76
578.	<i>Sally</i> , first wife of Alpheus Winter, from North Wilbraham. Church records say, "A woman of superior worth, a most animated, exemplary believer, full of the spirit of Heaven." She died	1817	32
579.	<i>Augustine Payne</i> , physician, from church in Granby, Rev. Mr. Gridley, Pastor. Dr. Payne died	1814	32
579½.	<i>Abigail (Mason)</i> , wife of (579).		
580.	<i>Olive</i> , wife of Jonathan S. Tucker, from the church in Vernon, Conn.		
581.	<i>Margaret (Warriner)</i> , wife of Giles Smith, from church in North Wilbraham, Rev. Mr. Witter, Pastor. She		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	is the sister of (383). Giles Smith died in Wilbraham.		
582.	<i>Amasa Dunton</i> , }		
583.	<i>Wife of (582.)</i> } From the church in Cambridge, N. Y., and removed to the church in Smyrna, New York, 1825.		
584.	<i>Oliver S. Taylor</i> , physician, from the church in Dartmouth College, Rev. Roswell Shurtleff, Pastor. Removed to Old South Church, Boston. Dr. Taylor was a graduate of Dartmouth College in 1809; studied medicine, and entered upon the practice in this town in 1814; chosen deacon of this church in 1816; left here in 1817, and has since been much of the time in business of Classical instruction, principally in the State of New York.		
585.	<i>Jonathan Woods</i> , a native of New Braintree, son of Jonathan Woods, formerly of that place. This Jonathan was brother of David Woods, the father of Asa, who was father of Geo. B. Woods. The family were from Marlboro', and moved to New Braintree early in the settlement of that place. He died	1830	68
586.	<i>Lydia</i> , wife of (585). She died August,	1843	81
587.	<i>Sally (Deering)</i> , wife of (726). She died	1850	68
588.	<i>Lucinda (Whitney)</i> , wife of Sylvester Willson.		

Members.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
589.	<i>Sally (Fobes)</i> , wife of Nathan Weeks.		
590.	<i>Thomas Sabin, Jr.</i> , son of (576), from the church in Wilbraham.		
590 $\frac{1}{2}$.	<i>Abigail (Durfy)</i> , first wife of (590). She died	1846	59
591.	<i>Sophia Holland</i> , daughter of Jonas Holland and Susanna his wife (305). She married Aaron Arms, Esq., of South Deerfield in 1821, and removed her church relation there. She died about	1828	30
592.	<i>Maria Holland</i> , sister of (591), daughter of Jonas and Susanna (305).		
<i>From other Churches.</i>			
593.	<i>Jemima Preston</i> , from the church in Ashford, has resided here twelve years and communed with this church. She brings no letter from that church but is received here as a member, upon a former profession at Ashford, assenting to the Articles of this church.		
594.	<i>Sabra Willson</i> , wife of John Willson, from the church in Ludlow.		
595.	<i>Nancy (Flint)</i> , wife of Philo Parsons, from Monson. They removed from here to Monson, and he soon went to Alabama, and both died years since.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	1816.		
596.	<i>Dea. Jonathan Clough,</i> }		
597.	<i>Wife of (596).</i> }		
	They were from the church in North Wilbraham, and removed from here. Was <i>not</i> deacon in <i>this</i> church.		
598.	<i>Stephen Burnett</i> , brother of (573), from the church in South Hadley, Rev. Joel Hayes, Pastor.		
599.	<i>Abigail (Witt)</i> , wife of Stephen Burnett. She is the daughter of (747). They soon removed back to South Hadley.		
599½.	<i>Electa (Dickinson)</i> , second wife of Horace Gates, and daughter of Perez Dickinson, formerly of Amherst. Perez was brother of Hon. Samuel F. Dickinson, formerly of Amherst, a graduate of Dartmouth College in 1795.		
600.	<i>Mary</i> , wife of Col. A. Jones, from the church in Phillipston, and went to the church in Ware Village in 1827.		
601.	<i>Cyrus Bartlett</i> , from the church in Stafford.		
602.	<i>Anna Sabin</i> , wife of (601), daughter of (576).		
608.	<i>Prudence (Foote)</i> , wife of Eneas Clark, from the church in Wilbraham, daughter of Joseph Foote, formerly of		

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	Colchester, Conn., and sister of Rev. Calvin Foote, a graduate of Middlebury College in 1814, and settled in the ministry in East Longmeadow, and in Southwick, and in Granville, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Clark removed from this place to Colchester, Conn., in 1846. He died there in March, 1848, aged 77.		
604.	<i>Sylvanus Stebbins,</i> }		
605.	<i>Wife of (604).</i> }		
	They were from the church in Granby to this, and removed from here by a general recommendation of their standing, in 1823, to the State of New York.		
	1817.		
606.	<i>Amanda Hunt</i> , daughter of (294). She married Francis Willson, son of John Willson, in 1818.		
607.	<i>Darius H. Rice</i> , removed to Canada.		
608.	<i>Sally</i> , wife of Ethan S. Cowles, removed by letter to the church at St. Charles, Illinois, in 1848, with her husband.		
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
609.	<i>Clarissa Howard</i> , from the church in Blandford, Rev. John Keep, Pastor.		
610.	<i>Cynthia</i> , wife of (976), from the church in Stafford, Rev. Jos. Knight, pastor.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
611.	<i>Mary Colton</i> , from the church in Monson, Rev. Alfred Ely, D. D., pastor. She married Mr. Fellows, teacher in Mount Pleasant Seminary, Amherst.		
612.	<i>Drusilla Day</i> , from the church in West Springfield, Dr Lathrop, pastor.		
613.	<i>Second Wife</i> of Captain Phineas Strong (314), widow Barnard from Northampton. After the death of Capt Strong (314), she married Deac. Isaac Clark of Northampton, in 1828, and returned there.		
	1818.		
614.	<i>Jemima Brown</i> .		
615.	<i>Sally Phelps</i> , daughter of (726). She married Abner Hill of Shutesbury, Sept. 29, 1825, and removed there.		
616.	<i>Rosina Phelps</i> , daughter of (726); married Joel Fairfield in 1820; recommended to a Council convened to organize a Church at Factory Village, Springfield, in 1829, and removed there and to that church.		
617.	<i>Cynthia Phelps</i> , sister of (615) and (616), removed to Factory Village, in Springfield, in 1829.		
618.	<i>Mary Abbey</i> , daughter of Mason Abbey, married (235) in 1832.		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
620.	<i>William Holland</i> , son of Jonas Holland and Susanna his wife (305). In the year 1824 he married Electa Hopkins, and both went as teachers under the direction of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, to Alabama, and then to Tennessee, where they labored in teaching among the natives for about 13 years, and then removed to Jacksonville, Illinois, and left the employment of the Board.		
621.	<i>Chauncy Dunton</i> , son of (582), removed to the church at Smyrna, New York, by letter, in 1826.		
622.	<i>Nathaniel Freeman Dunton</i> , son of (582), removed to Smyrna with his brother (621), in 1826, with his wife (764.)		
623.	<i>Charles Reed</i> , son of (274), removed to the church in Greenwich, by letter, in 1824.		
624.	<i>Charles Walker</i> , physician, son of (317), a graduate of Yale College in 1823; studied the medical profession and settled in Northampton in medical practice. See (317).		
625.	<i>Harry Knapp</i> , removed by letter to Park Street church in Boston, in 1823.		
626.	<i>Emily Walker</i> , daughter of (427), married Alva Sikes, of Ludlow, in 1819, and removed there.		

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627.	<i>Eliza Walker</i> , daughter of (427), married Obed Newton of Hadley in 1822, and removed there.		
628.	<i>Almira Fisher</i> , daughter of (234), married Leonard Barrett, Esq., in 1826.		
629.	<i>Dimmis Stacy</i> , daughter of (292), married Mark Hinckley.		
630.	<i>Julia Stacy</i> , daughter of (292), married Luther Morse, Jr. of Boston, in 1826, and removed her church relation to the Old South Church in Boston; returned to reside here again in 1829. Her husband died in 1850.		
631.	<i>Clarissa Howard</i> , daughter of Andrew Howard, married (969). She died He married Irene Howard, her sister, and she died March, 1841, aged 39.	1838	40
632.	<i>Polly Walker</i> , daughter of (243). She died	1838	36
633.	<i>Abram Allen</i> , son of Edmund Allen.		
634.	<i>Heman Moody</i> , son of Josiah Moody formerly of South Hadley. For a few of the last years of his life he resided here with this son. See (848). Heman died	1826	48
635.	<i>Josiah Walker</i> , removed to Illinois and died there	1847	76

Members.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
636.	<i>Simeon Dwight</i> , son of (197).	1843	63
637.	<i>David Fairbanks</i> .	1837	61
638.	<i>Elizabeth Sexton</i> , daughter of Noah Sexton, formerly of West Springfield. He died in Virginia. She married (468) in 1821.		
639.	<i>Lucy Walker</i> , daughter of (317).		
640.	<i>Moses Goodale</i> .		
641.	<i>Charlotte Elizabeth (Crittenden)</i> , wife of Elihu Shumway. She was the daughter of Mr. Samuel Crittenden of Conway.		
642.	<i>Deborah (Gleason)</i> , second wife of (243). She died	1846	88
643.	<i>Mary (Whitman)</i> , second wife of (473), and daughter of (434).		
644.	<i>Rebeckah (Vining)</i> , wife of (534), and daughter of George Vining, formerly of Plainfield.		
645.	<i>Nancy (Reed)</i> , wife of (430), and daughter of (274).		
646.	<i>Mehitable (Ward)</i> , wife of (728).		
647.	<i>Mark Doolittle</i> , son of Titus Doolittle, Esq., formerly of Russell, Hampden County, Mass., a graduate of Yale College in 1804, by profession a lawyer. The author of this Historical Sketch.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
648.	<i>Sarah T. R. (Raboteau)</i> , second wife of (647). She was the daughter of Charles C. Raboteau, Esq., formerly of Newburyport. He died in Philadelphia in 1816.		
649.	<i>Timothy Pearl</i> , brother of (372). He died	1837	62
650.	<i>Sally (Perry)</i> , wife of (649). She died This family was from Vernon, Conn.	1837	63
651.	<i>Ralph Owen</i> , son of Capt. Eleazer Owen, who died in this town about 1840.		
652.	<i>Fanny (Bissell)</i> , wife of (651).		
653.	<i>Sarah (Smith)</i> , wife of (718), daughter of James Smith and Susanna his wife (280).		
654.	<i>Roxana</i> , wife of John Lemon, removed to the church in Ludlow, in 1825.		
<i>From other Churches.</i>			
654½.	<i>Eleazer Pomeroy</i> and his wife, from the church in Granville, Mass., Rev. Joel Baker, pastor. Removed from here to Enfield, Mass., and there died near each other, about 1833.		
654¼.	<i>Samuel H. Peckham</i> , from the church at Northampton. He afterwards studied Theology and settled in the ministry in Gray, 6 years, and in Haverhill		

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	8 years, in the State of Maine. He was dismissed and now resides in Lunenburg, Mass. Took a dismission from this church to that in 1851. Is now an agent for the American Missionary Association.		
654 $\frac{1}{2}$.	<i>Mrs. Sarah Baker</i> , wife of Nathaniel Baker, from the church in Enfield, Rev. J. Crosby, pastor.		
654 $\frac{3}{4}$.	<i>Delphia Washburn</i> , from the church in Hardwick, Rev. William B. Weston, pastor.		
654 $\frac{3}{4}$.	<i>Mrs. Experience (Sikes)</i> , second wife of Azariah Willis, from the church in Ludlow.		
1819.			
655.	<i>Elisha Abbey</i> , deacon, son of Mason Abbey.		
656.	<i>George Abbey</i> , son of Mason Abbey.		
657.	<i>Theron Warner</i> , physician, son of (235).		
658.	<i>Ebenezer Warner</i> , son of (235).		
659.	<i>William B. Warner</i> .		
660.	<i>George Washburn</i> , son of (790).	1850	52
661.	<i>John Whitman 2d</i> , brother of (434).	1822	32
662.	<i>Fanny (Abbey)</i> , wife of Thomas Goodale, daughter of Mason Abbey,		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	and sister of (656) and (657); moved to Amherst.		
663.	<i>William Albro</i> , removed to a church in Boston, 1824.		
664.	<i>Clark Albro</i> , removed to a church in Chicopee.		
665.	<i>Noah Clark</i> .		
666.	<i>Adolphus Strong</i> , son of (314).		
667.	<i>Theodore Bridgman, Jr.</i> , son of (550), moved to Michigan.		
668.	<i>Lee Sprague</i> , removed to the church in Ware, in 1824; from there removed to Worcester.		
669.	<i>Sylvester Cook</i> , son of David S. Cook, studied Theology, was licensed to preach, and became a settled minister in New Jersey.		
671.	<i>Cyrus Stebbins</i> , removed to Ware.		
672.	<i>Roderick Shewbrooks</i> .	1849	46
672½.	<i>Lucretia Witt</i> , removed to the church in Granby, in 1824.		
673.	<i>Samuel Walker</i> , son of (317), removed his church relation to a church in Springfield, in 1824.		
674.	<i>Zephaniah Wood</i> .		
675.	<i>Silas Farrington</i> .		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
676.	<i>Estes Marsh</i> , son of Timothy P. Marsh.		
677.	<i>Samuel Brown</i> , recommended to a Council called to form a new church at Ware Village, in 1826. He became a member of the church formed there, and removed back here in 1828, and removed to Illinois in 1831.		
678.	<i>Oramel Bardwell</i> , son of Martin Bardwell, and grand-son of (418).		
679.	<i>Peregrine Dwight</i> , son of (197), removed from this church in 1828, with his wife (543), to the church at Niagara, State of New York, where he died	1842	48
680.	<i>Williams H. Whittemore</i> , adopted son of (649). He graduated at Yale College in 1825; studied Theology, was licensed to preach, and settled in the ministry in Charlton, Mass., and in Southbury, Conn.		
681.	<i>Alvan Morse</i> , son of Daniel Morse.		
682.	<i>Lydia Nichols</i> , daughter of (344).		
683.	<i>Elizabeth Whitman</i> , daughter of (434), married William Mason, Jr., of Palmer, in 1822, and removed.		
684.	<i>Catherine Whitman</i> , daughter of (434), married Earl Sherman of Ware, in 1843, and removed. Died	1845	42
685.	<i>Polly Whitman</i> .		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age
686.	<i>Abbey Whitman.</i>		
687.	<i>Lydia Towne</i> , daughter of (241), married Deacon Jonathan Lyman (261); a second wife. Removed to Goshen in 1828, then removed to Granby, where he died in 1846.		
688.	<i>Esther Shumway</i> , daughter of (730), married Horace Cook of Granby, in 1833.		
689.	<i>Sarah Tainter</i> , removed.		
690.	<i>Electa Walker.</i>		
601.	<i>Mary Ford</i> , removed by letter to the church in Monson, in 1827.		
691½.	<i>Andrew Howard</i> , father of (870), and moved away with him.		
692.	<i>Nancy Dwight</i> , daughter of Samuel Dwight, married Mr. Bullard of Oakham, in 1824.		
693.	<i>Amy Willson</i> , married Mr. Harkness of Pelham, and removed.		
693½.	<i>Olive Willson.</i>		
694.	<i>Mary Ward.</i>		
695.	<i>Clarinda Bardwell</i> , daughter of (753). She died	1826	27
696.	<i>Mary Bardwell</i> , daughter of Martin Bardwell, who died in this town in 1814, aged 43, and grand-daughter of 16*		

Numbers.	Names.	Death.	Age.
	(418). She married Fridas Preston, of Ashford, Conn., in 1828, and removed.		
697.	<i>Laura Towne</i> , daughter of (353), married (1054), son of (369), in 1822.		
698.	<i>Joanna Kimball</i> .		
699.	<i>Susanna Church</i> .		
700.	<i>Eunice Leach</i> , daughter of Peter Leach. She married Melatiah B. Hinckley in 1830, and removed to Vernon, State of New York. She died	1843	42
701.	<i>Martha D. Rhoades</i> , daughter of Aaron Rhoades and Mary his wife (356). She married Albert Atwood, son of Elkanah Atwood and Sarah his wife (575).		
702.	<i>Betsey Atwood</i> , daughter of Elkanah Atwood.		
703.	<i>Zina Stacy</i> , wife of Moses Stacy. She was daughter of Martin Bardwell.		
704.	<i>Experience Parsons</i> , daughter of (233). She married Mr. Livingston of Amsterdam, State of New York, and removed there in 1825.		
705.	<i>Densy Lincoln</i> , daughter of (378). She married Moses Young in 1819, and removed her church relation to Athol, in 1822.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
706.	<i>Hannah (Rice)</i> , wife of John Atwood, and daughter of (286).		
707.	<i>Betsey (Whitman)</i> , wife of Hazo Parsons, the daughter of Rev. Samuel Whitman, the first settled minister in Goshen. Huzo was son of (223). He moved to the South.		
708.	<i>Esther</i> , wife of John Hunt.		
709.	<i>Phebe (Smith)</i> , wife of (633), daughter of (288).		
710.	Wife of John Church.		
710½.	Wife of Elihu Chapman (<i>Sylvia</i>).		
710¾.	<i>Lydia J. Clark</i> , removed to the church in Granby, in 1823.		
711.	Wife of Eliab Washburn.	1832	54
712.	<i>Maria (Forward)</i> , wife of (463), daughter of Justus Forward, Esq. (731). She died	1840	40
713.	Wife of Timothy Bliss, removed.		
714.	<i>Abigail</i> , wife of (607).		
715.	<i>Widow Betsey Bardwell</i> , widow of Martin Bardwell. Her husband died April 2, 1814, aged 43.		
716.	<i>Widow Mary Hannum</i> .		
717.	<i>Charity Clark</i> , widow of Eleazer Clark, Esq. She was (Childs) from		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	Woodstock, Conn. Her husband died 1808; a prominent man in town; a magistrate, representative, and in other offices. Was son of (154). She died in May	1832	58
718.	<i>Abel Ames</i> , son of Robert Ames and Susanna his wife (336).		
719.	<i>Gould Parsons</i> , son of (223), removed his church relation to Troy, New York, in 1831.		
720.	<i>Joseph Kenneday</i> , died	1834	54
722.	<i>Capt. Elisha Warner</i> , son of (41), and brother of (235), died	1829	77
723.	<i>Oliver Bridgman</i> , son of (187).		
724.	<i>Col. Zenas Stebbins</i> , son of (129).		
725.	<i>Lebbeus Chapin</i> . He died	1820	32
726.	<i>Noah Phelps</i> , son of Simeon Phelps, and grand-son of (36). Simeon died at Pittsfield in 1776, returning from service in the northern army, aged 34.		
727.	<i>Israel Cowles</i> , son of (272), and grand-son of (56).		
728.	<i>Gideon Ames</i> , son of Robert Ames, and nephew of (718).		
729.	<i>Chauncey Howard</i> , son of Joseph Howard.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
730.	<i>Solomon Shumway</i> , brother of (174). He died	1826	81
731.	<i>Justus Forward, Esq.</i> , son of Rev. Justus Forward.		
732.	<i>Sally Dorman</i> , daughter of Daniel Dorman, deceased, and sister of (976).		
733.	<i>Polly Farrington</i> , removed to the church in Monson, by letter, in 1825.		
734.	Wife of Nathan Bascom.		
734½.	<i>Delilah C. Ward</i> , removed to the church in Bolton, in 1822.		
735.	<i>Amos Farrington</i> , }		
736.	Wife of (735). } Removed from this place.		
737.	<i>Phineas Hannum</i> , son of Phineas Hannum, and grand-son of Samuel Hannum, one of the early settlers here, who died in 1780, aged 88. See (27).		
738.	<i>Mary (Reckards)</i> , wife of (737).	1828	41
739.	<i>Simeon Pepper</i> .		
740.	——— (<i>Woods</i>), first wife of (739). She died.	1826	33
741.	<i>Jairus Abbot</i> , }		
742.	Wife of (741). } Removed their church relation to Warren, in 1822.		
743.	<i>Levi Davis</i> .		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age
744.	——— (<i>Jackson</i>), wife of (743).		
745.	<i>Henry Stebbins</i> , son of (129).		
746.	<i>Anna (Jones)</i> , wife of (745).		
747.	<i>Ivory Witt</i> .	1820	68
748.	Wife of (747).		
749.	<i>Samuel H. Preston</i> . }		
750.	Wife of (749). }		
	They removed their church relation to the church in Otisco, New York, in 1824.		
751.	<i>Benjamin Phelps</i> , son of Simeon Phelps, and grand-son of (36). He died, December	1842	77
753.	<i>Jonathan Bardwell</i> , son of Capt. Jonathan Bardwell and his wife Vio- let (68). He died	1828	76
	His first wife <i>Anna</i> , died 1803, aged 41.		
754.	<i>Caleb Clark</i> , son of (154). He died	1820	60
755.	<i>Abel Fuller</i> . He died	1846	83
756.	<i>Samuel Smith</i> , son of James Smith and <i>Susanna</i> his wife (280).		
757.	<i>Daniel Hannum</i> , son of (33). He died	1842	80
758.	<i>Susanna Blodget</i> , daughter of (384). She married <i>Horace Stacy</i> in 1824. She died	1841	36

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
759.	<i>Harriet Walker</i> , daughter of (427). She married (1116), son of (635) in 1824. She died	1842	40
760.	<i>Diana Burge</i> , removed to a church in Hartford, in 1824.		
761.	<i>Susan Buxton</i> , daughter of William Buxton, married Noble B. Hannum. She was sister of (429).		
762.	<i>Wealthy Root</i> , daughter of (351). She married Josiah Witt, son of (747), in 1819. She died	1850	51
763.	<i>Rebeckah P. Taylor</i> .		
764.	<i>Sophia Smith</i> , daughter of (756). She married Nathaniel F. Dunton, son of (582), in 1824, and removed her church relation, with her husband (622), to Smyrna, New York.		
765.	<i>Eleanor Billings</i> , daughter of Ben- jamin Billings and his wife Sarah (275).		
766.	<i>Joseph H. Dwight</i> , son of (636), and grand-son of (197). He died	1849	43
767.	<i>James Nichols</i> , son of (344).		
768.	<i>Horace Barnaby</i> , son of (348).		
769.	<i>Solomon Lincoln</i> , son of (378).		
770.	<i>Selden Borden</i> .		
771.	<i>Joel Davis</i> .		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age
772.	<i>John Hyde</i> , son of John Hyde, removed to the State of New York in 1825. He died about	1830	34
773.	<i>Lewis Sabin</i> , son of (590), a graduate from the College at Amherst, in 1831. He studied Theology, and is settled in the ministry in Templeton, Worcester County, Mass.		
774.	<i>Eleazer Owen, Jr.</i> , son of Captain Eleazer Owen, and brother of (651). He removed his church relation to the church at South Hadley Canal, in 1824, and died in Granby a few years afterwards.		
775.	<i>Daniel Marsh</i> , son of Timothy P. Marsh. Timothy P. Marsh died October 1829, aged 62.		
776.	<i>David K. Angier</i> , son of (359), removed to Amherst in 1831, and died there soon after.		
777.	<i>Mahitabel (Keith)</i> , wife of Elisha Billings.		
778.	<i>Louisa</i> , wife of Vespasian Randall, removed.		
779.	<i>Elizabeth (Allen)</i> , wife of Horatio Rice, and daughter of Edmund Allen. She died	1823	33
780.	<i>Marilla (Francis)</i> , wife of James H. Clapp, and daughter of Rev. John Francis, formerly of Pittsfield, Mass.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
781.	<i>Esther (Bridgman)</i> , wife of Park Holland, and daughter of (187). Park, was a brother of (395). He died June 12, 1832, aged 51.		
782.	<i>Oramel Walker</i> , son of (410), removed to Enfield.		
783.	<i>Silas W. Howe</i> .		
784.	<i>Charles W. Parker</i> , son of Thaddeus Parker, removed to the South Church in Amherst, in 1825.		
785.	<i>Joseph Davenport</i> , }		
786.	Wife of (785). } Removed.		
787.	<i>Sally Ramsdell</i> , daughter of Joseph Ramsdell. She married (790); a second wife.		
788.	Wife of Reuben Blackmer.		
789.	<i>Mary A. Thayer</i> .		
790.	<i>Col. Eliab Washburn</i> , removed his church relation to the church in Granby, in 1823. He died, April	1838	66
791.	<i>Charles Washburn</i> , son of (790). He died	1825	30
792.	<i>Diana Morse</i> , wife of (791), and daughter of Daniel Morse.		
793.	<i>Benjamin Billings, Jr.</i> , son of Benjamin Billings and his wife Sarah (275).		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
793½.	<i>Fanny Ramsdell</i> , wife of (793), and daughter of Joseph Ramsdell; sister of (787).		
794.	<i>Elijah Hannum</i> , son of (33), and brother of (757).	1832	73
795.	Wife of (794).		
796.	<i>Hannah (Gates)</i> , wife of Dexter Mellen, and daughter of Thomas A. Gates and Margaret his wife (232).		
797.	<i>Almira Towne</i> , daughter of (353). She married Rev. Erastus Benton, of Tolland, (now in Norwich, Conn.) in 1827. In 1823 she removed her church relation from this church to that in Granby.		
798.	<i>Hadassa Howard</i> , daughter of Silas Howard. She married Nathaniel Hanks, son of James Hanks, in 1819, and removed to Enfield.		
799.	<i>George B. Woods</i> , a native of New Braintree, son of Asa Woods, formerly of that place, who died in Brookfield; was son of David Woods, formerly of Marlboro'; moved to New Braintree early in life, and died there.		
800.	<i>Asahel Dwight</i> .		
801.	<i>Charles Dunbar</i> , son of Robert Dunbar and Betsey his wife (388). He died	1842	63

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age,
802.	<i>Delia (Cowles)</i> , wife of Ezra Wood, and daughter of (191). Removed by letter to the church in Bolton, Conn., in 1822.		
803.	<i>Timothy Dimick</i> .	1825	85
804.	<i>Edward Morris</i> , brother of Hon. Oliver B. Morris, of Springfield. He was from Wilbraham to this place. Drowned	1824	40
805.	<i>Mercy (Flint)</i> , wife of (804), and sister of the late Rufus Flint, Esq., of Monson. After the death of her husband in 1824, she returned to Monson, and died there in a few years.		
806.	<i>Chester Gray</i> , removed to Hadley.		
807.	Widow of Aaron Davis.		
808.	<i>Samuel Dunton</i> , son of (582), removed to the church in Amherst College, in 1825.		
809.	<i>Widow Elizabeth Willson</i> .		
810.	Wife of (751), died	1846	73
811.	<i>Permetia Cook</i> .		
812.	<i>Laura Chapin</i> , daughter of second wife of (223.) She was Widow Chapin when she married (223). Laura died years since.		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
813.	<i>Adelia Stowington</i> , removed her church relation to a church in Providence, R. I., in 1832.		
814.	<i>Isaac Willis</i> . }		
815.	<i>Jacob Willis</i> . } Brothers. Jacob removed.		
816.	<i>Sally Warner</i> , daughter of (235). She married Lucius F. Newton, of Monson, in 1826, and removed. She died	1828	24
817.	<i>Laura Abbey</i> , daughter of Mason Abbey, married Zenas Warner, of Dover, Vt., in 1827, and removed.		
818.	<i>Hannah Bakeman</i> .		
819.	<i>Dorcas Freeman</i> .		
820.	<i>Jeremiah Gray</i> .		
821.	—— (Peeso), wife of Harvey Hawes, and daughter of John Peeso, and sister of (454).		
822.	Wife of John Freeman.		
822½.	<i>A. Whitman</i> , removed.		
823.	<i>Rebeckah</i> , wife of Aaron Davis.		
824.	<i>Semantha Cowles</i> , daughter of (191).		
825.	<i>Isaac Phelps</i> , removed his church relation to New York, in 1823.		
826.	<i>Ransom Howard</i> , son of Silas Howard.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
<i>From other Churches.</i>			
827.	<i>Electa (Moody)</i> , wife of (634), and daughter of Ebenezer Moody, formerly of South Hadley ; from the church at South Hadley, Rev. Joel Hayes, pastor.		
828.	<i>Martin Woods</i> , son of (585), from the church in Whately, and again removed there.		
828½.	<i>Electa</i> , wife of (828).		
829.	—— <i>White</i> , wife of Reuben White, and daughter of —— White, formerly of Hadley ; sister of Jereb White ; from the church in South Hadley.		
830.	<i>Lucy (Merrick)</i> , wife of George Forward, and daughter of Samuel F. Merrick, Esq., of Wilbraham ; from the church in Wilbraham to this ; the grand-daughter of Rev. Noah Merrick, the first settled minister of Wilbraham.		
831.	<i>Stephen Chandler</i> , }		
832.	<i>Lydia</i> his wife. }		
	They were from the church in Troy, Rev. Jonas Coe, pastor. Removed to a church in Northampton, in 1829.		
833.	<i>Sally Nichols</i> , from church in Troy.		

Numbers	Names.	Deaths.	Age
834.	<i>Samuel Knight,</i> }		
835.	<i>Mehitabel</i> his wife. }		
	From the church in South Hadley, Rev. J. Hayes, pastor.		
836.	<i>Nancy (Forbes),</i> wife of (462), from the first church in Brookfield, Rev. Eliakim Phelps, pastor. She died	1843	
837.	<i>Amos C. Morse,</i> }		
838.	Wife of (837). }		
	From the church in Paxton to this church, and were united to the Colony church formed at Northampton, in 1831, and removed to Illinois.		
841.	<i>Benjamin E. White,</i> from the church in Chester to this church, and remov- ed to the church in Granby, in 1831.		
842.	<i>Margaret,</i> wife of Jeremiah Gray, from the church in Greenwich, again removed.		
843.	<i>Elizabeth (Thompson),</i> wife of Sol- omon Shumway (730), from the church in Brimfield.		
	1820.		
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
844.	<i>Olive Hyde,</i> wife of Clark Albro, from the church in Monson, Rev. Alfred Ely, D. D., pastor.		
845.	<i>Betsey (Cornwall),</i> second wife of (723), from the church in Granville, Rev. Joel Baker, pastor.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	1821.		
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
846.	<i>Samuel Clark</i> , son of Samuel Clark, and grand-son of (154), from the church in Pelham.		
847.	Wife of (846), from the church in Pelham, with her husband.		
848.	<i>Josiah Moody</i> , father of (634), from the church in South Hadley, Rev. Joel Hayes, pastor. He died	1828	80
849.	<i>Sarah (Clark)</i> , his wife, mother of (634).		
850.	<i>Capt. Ephraim Scott</i> , from the church in Ware.	1841	83
851.	Wife of (850), died soon after her husband.		
852.	<i>Harriet Eveleth</i> , wife of Frederick Kilner, from the church in Enfield, and in 1830, removed with her husband (916), to the church in Barre.		
854.	<i>Ann</i> , wife of Eliphas Reed, from the Baptist church in Leyden, and removed to the church in Enfield in 1824.		
	1822.		
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
855.	<i>Stephen Andrews</i> , from the church in Pelham, and again removed from		

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	this place, in 1827. His wife Bridget died here in 1826, aged 63.		
856.	<i>Lydia, (Ely)</i> , second wife of (724), from the church in Wilbraham, Rev. Ebenezer Brown, pastor.		
	1823.		
857.	<i>Sybil (Billings)</i> , wife of David Bartlett. She died	1843	66
858.	<i>Sophia Bridgman</i> , daughter of (550), married George Filer, son of Gurdon Filer and Hannah his wife (380), in 1824 and removed to Albany, to the first Presbyterian church; returned back to this place in 1832.		
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
859.	<i>Aurelia</i> , wife of (459½), from the church in Westhampton, Rev. Enoch Hale, pastor.		
	1824.		
860.	<i>Patty (Hannum)</i> , wife of Timothy Works, and daughter of (757).		
861.	<i>Sally Ingalls.</i>		
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
862.	<i>John C. Marsh</i> , from the church in Montague, Rev. A. Gates, pastor; removed to the church in Leverett, in 1826, from this church.		

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Numbers.	Names	Deaths.	Age.
863.	<i>John Spooner</i> , chosen deacon in 1829; from the church in Heath, Rev. M. Miller, pastor, and removed from this to the church in Ludlow, Factory Village, in 1846. 1825.		
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
864.	<i>Ebenezer Barbour</i> , from the church in Ludlow, Rev. F. B. Wright, pastor.		
865.	<i>Theoda</i> , wife of (864), from the same church. She died After the death of his wife, he removed back to Ludlow.	1829	66
866.	<i>Submit (Widow Robinson)</i> , second wife of Nathan Shumway, from the church in Williamsburgh, Rev. H. Lord, Pastor. Her husband, Nathan Shumway, was suddenly killed by falling on a mill wheel in rapid motion, in February, 1827, aged 52. After his death his widow removed to Ware Village in 1836. Nathan Shumway was son of Nathan Shumway, who died in this town, December 30, 1818, aged 88.		
866½.	<i>Sally (Burden)</i> , widow of Josiah Kentfield, from the church in Enfield.		
867.	<i>Nancy Forward</i> , daughter of Justus Forward, Esq. (731).	1835	32
868.	<i>Caroline Forward</i> , daughter of (731). These sisters died within three days of each other, in March, 1835.	1835	30

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	1826.		
870.	<i>Solomon B. Howard</i> , son of (691½), removed to Oakfield, Illinois, in 1848. His wife was a member of the church, and removed with him.		
871.	<i>Luther Cowles</i> .		
872.	<i>Dexter Chase</i> , son of (432).		
873.	Wife of James Wentworth.		
874.	<i>Mary (Strong)</i> , wife of Henry A. Bridgman (460), daughter of (314).		
875.	<i>Louisa Kellogg</i> , died in South Hadley, in	1835	
876.	<i>Anna Nichols</i> , daughter of (344). She married Daniel Giddings, of Norwich, in 1827, and removed there.		
877.	<i>Patty Phelps</i> , daughter of (726), married Alfred W. Hill.		
878.	<i>Israel Towne</i> , chosen deacon in 1829, son of (241). See Appendix E.		
879.	<i>Anson Moody</i> , deacon, physician, son of Capt. Daniel Moody, formerly of South Hadley; a graduate of Yale College in 1814; studied medicine and entered upon the practice, and had a successful practice in this town; removed to Ware Village in 1829; removed from there to Connecticut,		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age
	and is now in practice in the city of New Haven. He was chosen deacon of this church in 1829.		
880.	<i>Clarissa (Collins)</i> , wife of (879), and daughter of Ebenezer Collins, formerly of South Hadley.		
881.	<i>Maria (Filer)</i> wife of (666), and daughter of Gurdon Filer and Hannah his wife (380).		
882.	<i>Delia (Kelly)</i> , wife of (909).		
883.	<i>Mary Ann Graves</i> , daughter of (459), married George Holland, son of (395), in 1828, and removed to Niagara, State of New York.		
884.	<i>Penelope D. Graves</i> , daughter of (459), married Ashley Holland, son of (395), and removed with her sister (883), to Niagara, in 1828. (See 1040). Moved away, and moved back, and again went away.		
885.	<i>Esther Bliss</i> , daughter of Timothy Bliss and wife (713). She married Almond Fisk, and removed from this place to Shutesbury, in 1849.		
886.	<i>Harriet Parker</i> , daughter of Thaddeus Parker, and sister of (784). She married Mr. Whiting of Plainfield, and removed there.		
887.	<i>Louisa Dunbar</i> , daughter of Azel Dunbar, and grand-daughter of Robert Dunbar and wife (388). She died	1833	23

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
888.	<i>Lucretia Abbey</i> , daughter of Mason Abbey. She married Eli Barrows of Brimfield, in 1833, and removed there.		
889.	<i>Lucretia Bridgman</i> , daughter of (550). She died	1840	32
890.	<i>Julia Ann Stebbins</i> , daughter of (724). She married Rev. David Perry, of Hollis, New Hampshire, in 1837, and removed her church relation to that church.		
891.	<i>Elizabeth Millard</i> , daughter of Eli Millard and Elizabeth his wife (402). She married Ruel Thompson, of Fair Haven, Conn., in 1837, and removed there.		
<i>From other Churches.</i>			
892.	<i>Elisha Woods</i> , from the church in East Hampton, Rev. Payson Williston, pastor. He united with the church formed at Northampton in 1831, to remove as a colony to Illinois.		
893.	Wife of (892), from the church in Easthampton, removed with him.		
894.	Wife of Cotton Smith, from the first church in Amherst, the daughter of Samuel Smith of Amherst. She soon returned to that place.		
895.	<i>Widow Ephraim Marsh</i> , from the church in Montague, and removed to the first church in Hadley, by letter, in 1827.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	1827.		
896.	<i>Stephen Dunbar</i> , removed to the north church in Amherst, in 1831.		
897.	<i>James Whitman, Jr.</i> , son of (434).		
898.	<i>Polly (Pearl)</i> , wife of (727), and sister of (649) and (372).		
899.	<i>Lucy</i> , wife of George Nye.		
900.	<i>Emily S. Moore</i> , daughter of William N. Moore. She married Joab N. Squier, in 1827.		
901.	<i>Dolly W. Stebbins</i> , daughter of (724), married Luther Holland, Jr., son of (395), in 1835.		
902.	<i>Mary Fairbanks</i> , daughter of (637), married William Reed, son of (274), in 1828. She died He married again. See (932).	1835	27
903.	<i>Minerva Randall</i> , daughter of (369).		
904.	<i>Caroline Daugherty</i> , daughter of of (509). She married Rev. William M. Richards, settled in the ministry for a few years at Bloody Brook, (Deerfield).		
905.	<i>Minerva Cowles</i> , daughter of (272), married Daniel Marsh, son of Timothy P. Marsh, in 1833.		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
906.	<i>Laura Sabin</i> , daughter of (590), married (1022) in 1829.		
907.	<i>Rhoda Root</i> , daughter of (351). She died	1845	36
908.	<i>Lydia Whitman</i> , daughter of (434), married Amos L. Mason of Palmer, in 1837.		
909.	<i>Alanson Stacy</i> , son of (292).		
910.	<i>Elijah Brown</i> , removed.		
911.	<i>Elijah Whitney</i> , removed to the Baptist church in Belchertown, in 1828.		
912.	<i>George Holland</i> , son of (395).		
914.	<i>Emily Dwight</i> , daughter of Samuel Dwight, married Horatio Brown of Heath, in 1837; now (1851) resides in Hatfield.		
915.	<i>Melinta Leach</i> , daughter of Peter Leach. She married Henry Canterbury, and removed to Ware.		
916.	<i>Frederick Kilner</i> , removed in 1830 to the church in Barre, with his wife (852).		
917.	<i>Sophronia Bardwell</i> , daughter of Jonathan Bardwell, and grand-daughter of Capt. Jonathan Bardwell and Violet his wife, removed.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
918.	<i>Phebe (Chapin)</i> , wife of (863), from the church in Heath, and removed with her husband (863), to Ludlow Factory Village, in 1847.		
919.	<i>Maria (Flint)</i> , wife of Rev. Lyman Coleman, and daughter of Rufus Flint, Esq., of Monson, from the church in Monson, Rev. Alfred Ely, D. D., pastor.		
920.	<i>Salome (Thayer)</i> , wife of Zebulon Dodge, from the second church in Amherst, Rev. Nathan Perkins, pastor, removed to the state of New York.		
921.	<i>Mary (Sikes)</i> , wife of (1284), from the church in Ludlow, Rev. E. B. Wright, pastor. (1284), son of (256).		
922.	Wife of David Ruggles, from the church in Enfield, Rev. Joshua Crosby, pastor.		
923.	<i>Martha Hamilton</i> , mother of (836), from the church in Brookfield, Rev. Micah Stone, pastor. She is the widow of Joseph Hamilton, formerly of Brookfield.		
924.	<i>Mary (Stebbins)</i> , wife of (1121½), from the church in Granby.		
925.	<i>George Nye</i> , from the church in Roxbury, New Hampshire.		

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926.	<i>Abigail (Phelps)</i> , third wife of Horace Gates. Mr. Gates died in 1840. In 1847, she married (590). She was from the church in Hebron, Conn., Rev. L. Strong, pastor.		
927.	<i>Mary Ann Bugbee</i> , from the church in Granby, Rev. C. Chapin, pastor. 1828.		
929.	<i>Mary (Kendall)</i> , wife of Nehemiah Smith. She was from Ludlow, and was daughter of Ruel Kendall, deceased, formerly of Ludlow.		
930.	<i>Angeline (Dougherty)</i> , wife of Samuel Brown, and daughter of (509). She married Samuel Brown, in 1826, and removed to the church at Ware Village.		
931.	<i>Nelson Holland</i> , son of (395). He died	1829	25
932.	<i>William Reed</i> , son of (274), (Sec 1098), second wife. They removed to Crystal Lake, Illinois, in 1846. <i>From other Churches.</i>		
933.	<i>Ansel Howard</i> , from the church in Bridgewater, Rev. Mr. Sanford, pastor. He removed to Perrington, New York, in 1839.		
934.	<i>Hulda (Allen)</i> , wife of (933). She died	1832	45

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
935.	<i>Ansel A. Howard</i> , son of (933), removed with his father to Perrington, in 1839.		
936.	<i>Harriet A. Howard</i> , daughter of (933), married Francis Dunbar, son of (801), and removed to Perrington, New York, in 1837, with her husband.		
937.	<i>Samuel Brown</i> , from the church in Ware Village, Rev. P. Cook, pastor.		
938.	<i>Calvin A. Warren</i> , from the church in Hebron, State of New York, a printer by trade ; left here in 1829.		
939.	<i>Caleb Walker</i> , from the church in Westford, Conn.		
940.	<i>Mariam Powers</i> , from the church in Westboro', Rev. Mr. Rockwood, pastor. Removed soon from here.		
	1829.		
941.	<i>Lemira Ann Chapin</i> , sister of (918), married David S. Ames, son of (718), in 1837.		
942.	<i>Almira Ward</i> , daughter of Ezra Ward and Delia his wife (802).		
943.	<i>Joseph Powers</i> , removed his church relation to Enfield, in 1831, by letter, and his wife (945) also, and removed their residence to that place.		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
<i>From other Churches.</i>			
944.	<i>Sophronia (Tarbel)</i> , first wife of (655), from the church in Brimfield. She died.	1833	
945.	<i>Nancy</i> , wife of (943), from the church in Sturbridge. Removed with her husband to Enfield, in 1831.		
946.	<i>Elijah Chapin</i> , from the church in Granby, Rev. C. Chapin, pastor.		
947.	<i>Kersiah Towne</i> . See (353) and (354).		
948.	<i>Joseph Towne</i> , son of (353), from the church in Granby.		
949.	<i>Lucy</i> , second wife of (530), from the church in Northampton, Rev. S. Williams, pastor, and removed with her husband to Granby, in 1832.		
1830.			
950.	<i>Sarah Dwight</i> , daughter of (455), married Dr. John Taylor, of New York, in 1831, and removed there. She died within a few years, in Michigan, where she and her husband had removed.		
951.	<i>Salome T. Dodge</i> , daughter of Zebulon Dodge and Salome his wife (920). She married Eliphalet Strong, of Stafford, Conn., in 1830, and removed to that place.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
952.	<i>Daniel Brown</i> , removed to Illinois with the colony church formed at Northampton in 1831, united with that church, and went with it.		
953.	<i>Alfred R. Winter</i> , son of Alpheus Winter.		
954.	<i>Lyman Walker</i> , son of (317).		
955.	<i>Newel Upham</i> , son of Roger F. Upham.		
956.	<i>Jesse Randall</i> , son of (369).		
957.	<i>Jotham Randall, Jr.</i> , son of (369), removed by letter to the church in Spencer, in 1842.		
958.	<i>Phineas C. Walker</i> , son of (412). He died.	1834	21
959.	<i>Aaron Walker, Jr.</i> , son of (412).		
960.	<i>Atherton Ralph Owen</i> , son of (651).		
961.	<i>Elvira Owen</i> , daughter of (651). She married Henry A. Dwight, son of Charles Dwight, deceased, and grandson of (197), in 1833.		
962.	<i>Frances Owen</i> , daughter of (651). She died	1833	17
963.	<i>Electa Winter</i> , daughter of Alpheus Winter, died	1850	35
964.	<i>Harriet Millard</i> , daughter of Eli Millard.		

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965.	<i>Lydia M. Keith</i> , daughter of Jonathan Keith. She married Edwin Adams, of Grass Lake, Michigan, in 1839, and removed there.		
966.	<i>Ann E. Bartlett</i> , daughter of (601). She died	1833	
967.	<i>Louisa Bartlett</i> , daughter of (601). She married Jonathan W. Beers of Ware, in 1839, and removed there.		
968.	<i>Cyrus S. Bartlett</i> , son of (601).		
969.	<i>Jacob Finley</i> , married Clarissa Howard, daughter of (691 $\frac{1}{2}$), (See 631), first wife of (969). She died in 1838. He again married her sister (1179); she died in 1841. He again married (1149).		
970.	<i>Sherman Sabin</i> , son of (590).		
971.	<i>Theodosia Howard</i> , daughter of Andrew Howard. She married Mr. Bosworth of Westfield, about 1835, and removed there.		
<i>From other Churches.</i>			
972.	<i>Philetus W. Burnett</i> , son of (573), from the Green Street church, Boston, Rev. William Jenks, D. D., pastor.		
973.	<i>Abigail (Burr)</i> , wife of (972), and daughter of Ansel Burr of Ludlow. They were dismissed and removed their church relation to the church in Palmer, in 1841.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
974.	<i>Solomon Marsh</i> , from the church in Montague, and removed to the church in Ludlow, (Jenksville), in May, 1847. · 1831.		
975.	<i>Hervey Hawes</i> , son of John Hawes, and brother of (453), removed with his wife (821), to the church in Enfield, in 1833.		
976.	<i>Roderick Dorman</i> , son of Daniel Dorman.		
677.	<i>Orrich Willis</i> , physician, son of 814, removed to Hardwick, procured a change in his name to William H. Willis; now (1851) a practising physician in South Reading.		
978.	<i>Anderson Wright</i> .		
979.	<i>Henry Stebbins, Jr.</i> , son of (745). He died	1837	19
980.	<i>S. Streeter</i> .		
881.	<i>David Robbins</i> .		
982.	<i>Lucy M. Doolittle</i> , daughter of (647), by his first wife (555). She married (992) in 1834; a second wife.		
983.	<i>Lucy Stebbins</i> , daughter of (430), married (1100), son of (590), in 1837.		
984.	<i>Caroline Stebbins</i> , daughter of (430).		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
985.	<i>Emily Stebbins</i> , daughter of (430), married (968), son of (601).		
986.	<i>Lavinia Stebbins</i> , daughter of (745), married C. M. Kendall of Palmer, in 1849, and removed there.		
987.	<i>Harriet Stebbins</i> , daughter of (724). She married Rev. Ervin Carpenter, of Littleton, New Hampshire, in 1846, and removed her church relation there.		
988.	<i>Ann E. Bridgman</i> , daughter of (550), married John S. Gould, of Albany, in 1838, and removed there. She died	1840	24
989.	<i>Nancy Bridgman</i> , daughter of (723).		
990.	<i>Eliza Kenneday</i> , daughter of (720), removed her church relation to Oswego, Illinois, in 1848.		
	1831.		
991.	<i>Almira Walker</i> , daughter of (317), married Salem Towne of Granville, New York, in 1845, and removed her church relation there.		
992.	<i>Horatio Thomson</i> , physician, son of Dr. Gurdon Thomson, formerly of Tolland, Conn.		
993.	<i>Cordelia (Chapman)</i> , first wife of (992), and daughter of Col. Eliakim Chapman, formerly of Tolland, Conn. She died	1833	29

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
995.	<i>Joseph Bridgman, Jr.</i> , son of Joseph Bridgman, Esq., and grand-son of (200), removed to Iowa.		
996.	<i>George Hawes</i> , son of (453). He died	1835	21
998.	<i>Susan (Holland)</i> , wife of (799), and daugl.ter of Jonas Holland and Susan his wife (305).		
1000.	<i>Nancy Owen</i> , daughter of Capt. Eleazer Owen.		
1001.	<i>Mary Bridgman</i> , daughter of (723), married Samuel Kingsley, of West-hampton, in 1832, and removed there.		
1002.	<i>Caroline Holland</i> , daughter of Park Holland and Esther his wife (781). She married (1030), son of (511), in 1842.		
1003.	<i>Mary Holland</i> , daughter of Park Holland and Esther his wife (781). She married Mr. Fenn, of Lacon, Illinois, in 1848, and removed her church relation there.		
1004.	<i>Nancy Hawes</i> , daughter of (453), married Franklin Dickinson, in 1832.		
1005.	<i>Mary M. Gilbert</i> , daughter of (558), married (954), October 16, 1839. She died October 31,	1846	28
1006.	<i>Horace Stacy</i> , son of Moses Stacy and wife (703).		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age
1007.	<i>Francis Dunbar</i> , son of (801), removed his church relation to Perrington, State of New York, in 1837.		
1008.	<i>Philander Marsh</i> , removed to Montague.		
1009.	<i>Elijah Pratt</i> , son of Capt. David Pratt, who died in this town in 1806, aged 66.		
1010.	<i>Eldad Parsons Dwight</i> , son of (455), removed to Mississippi.		
1011.	<i>Widow Esther Marsh</i> , widow of Timothy P. Marsh.		
1012.	<i>Ann Livermore</i> .		
1013.	<i>Catherine Bugbee</i> , daughter of (482), married Obed Newton, of Hadley, in 1836, a second wife; his first wife (627). She died in 1835, aged 34.		
1014.	<i>Elizabeth Root</i> , daughter of (351), married James M. Alden of Greenwich, in 1834, and removed there.		
1015.	<i>Elizabeth Strong</i> , daughter of (464), married Henry Shepherd of Northampton, son of Thomas Shepherd, Esq., and removed there. She died	1847	30
1016.	<i>Harriet Cowles</i> , daughter of (341).		
1017.	<i>Eliza Dwight</i> , daughter of (515), married Elihu Root, Jr. son of (511), in 1841. Her husband, Elihu Root, Jr., died in 1844, aged 34.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
1018.	<i>Mary Dwight</i> , daughter of (515), married Henry Mellen, in 1837. She died	1847	32
1019.	<i>Mary R. Dwight</i> , daughter of (636), married Edwin P. Tucker, in 1835.		
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
1020.	<i>Asenath (Smith)</i> , wife of David Lewis, from the church in Palmer, Rev. T. H. Ware, pastor. They soon removed to the State of Illinois.		
1021.	Second Wife of Ebenezer Barber, from the church in Monson.		
1022.	<i>Ephraim Montague</i> , from the church in Hadley, Rev. John Brown, D. D., pastor; son of Jedediah Montague, formerly of Hadley, and died there August 19, 1824, aged 58. Jedediah Montague was a lineal descendant of Richard Montague, who came from England to this country in 1640. His son John had a son John, who had a son by the same name, who was the father of Jedediah. All of the name of Montague in New England are supposed to be descendants of Richard as their common ancestor. This family early settled in Hadley, and were among the first settlers of the place.		
1023.	<i>Laura (Sabin)</i> , wife of (1022), and daughter of (590).		
1024.	<i>Louisa (Torne)</i> , wife of Humphrey T. Filer, and daughter of (353).		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
1025.	<i>Joab Bartlett</i> , from the church in Enfield, Rev. S. G. Clapp, pastor.		
1026.	<i>Charlotte</i> , wife of (1025) from the church in Enfield.		
1027.	<i>Warren A. Reed</i> , from the church in Chester; resided here till 1842; removed his church relation that year, to the Edwards church in Northampton, and resided there till his death, September,	1845	37
1027½.	<i>Louisa (Lyman)</i> , his wife, daughter of Col. Timothy Lyman of Chester. She removed with her husband.		
	1832.		
1028.	<i>Eddy Shumway</i> , son of (174). He died	1850	65
1028½.	<i>Betsey (Russell)</i> , wife of (1028), and daughter of Jonathan Russell, formerly of Enfield.		
1029.	<i>Sylvia Chapin</i> , sister of (918), from Heath.		
1030.	<i>Harrison Root</i> , son of (511).		
1031.	<i>Festus Moody</i> , son of (634). He died	1832	24
1032.	<i>John Davis</i> .		
1033.	<i>Eliza Tucker</i> , daughter of Jonathan Tucker. She married Ezra Cary of Enfield, and removed there.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age
1034.	<i>Wareham C. Gilbert</i> , son of (558).		
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
1035.	<i>Ara Wright</i> , from the church in Ludlow, Rev. E. B. Wright, pastor. Ara was brother of (446 $\frac{1}{2}$), and son of Cyprian Wright, formerly of Ludlow.		
1036.	Wife of (1035), from the church in Ludlow, removed with her husband to Chicopee.		
1037.	<i>Hannah (Gay)</i> , first wife of (656), from the church in Dedham, Rev. Dr. Burgess, pastor. She died 1833.	1849	42
1038.	<i>Sarah Bridgman</i> , daughter of Joseph Bridgman, Esq., and granddaughter of (200). She married Mr. Dixon of Delaware, and removed to that State. <i>From other Churches.</i>		
1039.	<i>Naomi T. (Towne)</i> , wife of Silas Howard, and daughter of (353), from the church in Granby.		
1040.	<i>Penelope D. (Graves)</i> , wife of (884 $\frac{1}{2}$), and daughter of (459), from the church at Niagara, New York; they removed back there soon. She died there about	1838	30
1041.	<i>Louisa</i> , wife of William Atwood, from the church in Palmer; remained		

Numbers.	Nmes.	Deaths.	Age.
	here but a short time; moved from here, and died soon after.		
1042.	<i>Cynthia Nichols</i> , wife of (767).		
1043.	<i>Margaret M. Blodget</i> , daughter of (384).		
1044.	<i>Mary Hannum</i> , daughter of (757), married Ward Woodbury, in 1844; a second wife. He married Amanda Hannum, daughter of (757), for his first wife. She died in 1843.		
1045.	<i>Adaline Hannum</i> , daughter of (757). She died	1843	33
1046.	<i>Polly</i> , wife of Theodore Bridgman, Jr.		
1047.	<i>Eliza (Clark)</i> , wife of Joseph Kellogg, and daughter of Eleazer Clark, Esq., who died in this town in 1808, aged 45.		
1048.	<i>Mary C. Root</i> , daughter of (351), married Thomas Marshall, in 1845. She died	1850	45
1049.	<i>Oshea Walker</i> , son of (412), removed to the church in Northampton, in 1842.		
1050.	<i>Anna Sabin</i> .		
1051.	<i>Betsey (Wright)</i> , first wife of Artemas Owen. She died in February,	1838	32
1052.	<i>Wilmoth Phillips</i> .		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
1053.	<i>Mary Ann (Kilner)</i> , wife of (1052).		
1054.	<i>Chester Randall</i> , son of (369).		
1055.	<i>Jefferson Leach</i> , son of Peter Leach, who died in 1851.		
1056.	<i>Luther Holland, Jr.</i> , son of (395).		
1057.	<i>Sarah S. Ames</i> , daughter of (718).		
1058.	<i>Martha Ann Walker</i> , daughter of (410). She died	1840	21
1059.	<i>Philura C. Walker</i> , daughter of (317), married (1034), October, 1840. 1834.		
1060.	<i>Lydia Gray</i> , daughter of Jeremiah Gray, married Jabez Preston of Gran- by, and removed there.		
1061.	<i>Elizabeth (Goodale)</i> , wife of (521), and daughter of Moses Goodale.		
1062.	<i>Betsey Howe</i> , sister of (431), re- moved.		
1063.	<i>Emily A. Phelps</i> , daughter of (462), married Cordial Crane, in 1842.		
1063½.	<i>Stiles Hannum</i> , son of (549½).		
1063¾.	Wife of Stiles Hannum. She died	1847	58
1064.	<i>Betsey L. Marshall</i> , daughter of		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	(485). She married Albert C. Nash, of Canton.		
1065.	<i>Julia Lucretia Towne</i> , daughter of (878), married (1091), son of (727), in 1844.		
1066.	<i>John G. Walker</i> , son of (412), removed in 1843.		
1066½.	<i>Clarissa Morse</i> , daughter of Daniel Morse.		
	1835.		
1067.	<i>Sarah (Bigelow)</i> , wife of Rev. Jared Reid, daughter of ——— Bigelow, Esq., of Colchester, Conn. She died at Tiverton, Rhode Island, where she and her husband were residing, on the 11th of February, She came recommended to this church from the church in Reading, where Mr. Reid had been settled in the ministry before he came to this place. (See notice of her historical sketch, page 44).	1845	57
1068.	<i>Maria Gillett</i> , daughter of Harvey Gillett.		
1069.	<i>Luke Leach</i> , son of Peter Leach. He removed from here to Wendell, and united with the church there.		
1070.	<i>Mary Walker</i> , daughter of (427), married Stephen J. Miller of Ludlow, and removed there, in 1844.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age
1071.	<i>Esther Marsh</i> , daughter of Timothy P. Marsh, married Samuel F. Ames, son of (718), in 1836.		
1072.	<i>Amanda Hannum</i> , daughter of (757), first wife of Ward Woodbury of Amherst; married in 1840. She died (See 1044).	1843	36
1072½.	<i>Mary (Barrows)</i> , second wife of Elisha Abbey, from Brimfield.		
1073.	<i>Henry P. Allen</i> , son of (633).		
1074.	<i>Henry J. Walker</i> , son of (474), removed to the church in Ashfield, in 1848.		
1075.	<i>Edward Marshall</i> , son of (485).		
1076.	<i>Elen Walker</i> , son of (412).		
1077.	<i>David Lewis</i> , son of Jesse Lewis of Ware. He resided here several years. Removed to Illinois in 1837.		
1078.	<i>Abigail A. Sabin</i> , daughter of (590), married Dr. Willis. (See 977).		
1079.	<i>Joan M. Allen</i> , daughter of (633), married Festus Currier, and removed.		
1080.	<i>Cornelia Dorman</i> , daughter of (976).		
1080½.	<i>Betsey M. Doolittle</i> , daughter of (647), by his first wife (555). She married John Stacy, in 1838, a graduate of Yale College, son of (475).		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	1835.		
1081.	<i>Harriet Gillett</i> , daughter of Harvey Gillett, removed.		
1082.	<i>Emeline Walker</i> , daughter of (410), married Theodore Chapman, of Hanover, N. H., in 1835, and removed there.		
1083.	<i>Malissa Towne</i> , daughter of (353), married Ransom Howard, son of Silas Howard.		
1084.	<i>Armina Cowles</i> , daughter of (436).		
1085.	<i>Hiram Gilbert</i> , from the church in Ware, and soon removed.		
1086.	<i>Grace Stebbins</i> , daughter of (745), married Albert Moody of Granby, in 1849. Albert is son of Quartus Moody and wife Mary; she was the daughter of (241).		
1087.	<i>Laura B. Stebbins</i> , daughter of (745).		
1088.	<i>Harriet M. Ames</i> , daughter of (718), married Francis Taylor of Granby, in 1843, and removed to the church in Springfield, under the care of Rev. Mr. Porter, in 1843.		
1089.	<i>George W. Gilbert</i> , son of (558), removed to the church at Plymouth Hollow, Conn.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
1090.	<i>Daniel F. Phelps</i> , son of (462), has connected himself with the United States Navy; has gone from us.		
1091.	<i>Tertius Cowles</i> , son of (727).		
1092.	<i>John R. Shumway</i> , son of (1028).		
1093.	<i>Emory B. Foster</i> , dismissed and removed.		
1094.	<i>Mary (Ames)</i> , daughter of (718), married Estes Marsh, son of Timothy P. Marsh, in 1832. He removed to Tennessee.		
1095.	<i>Susan Ames</i> , daughter of (718). She married Chas. W. Chapman, Esq., of N. York, in 1838. He was son to A. Chapman, Esq., formerly of Southampton.		
1096.	<i>Benjamin F. Ames</i> , son of (718).		
1097.	<i>Samuel F. Ames</i> , son of (718).		
1098.	Wife of William Reed, originally from North Brookfield—from Amherst here. She with her husband (982), moved to Illinois, in 1845. William Reed's first wife, Mary F., died Nov., 1834, aged 27; his second wife, Emeline F., died April 1838, aged 20.		
1099.	<i>Sarah E. Walker</i> , daughter of (473).		
1100.	<i>Lyman Sabin</i> , son of (590).		
1101.	<i>John Bowdoin</i> , son of William Bowdoin, Esq., formerly of Ware.		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
1102.	<i>Ruth Warner</i> , widow of Alonzo Warner.		
1102½.	<i>Elizabeth</i> , wife of Elijah Hannum. This Elijah Hannum is son of (794). 1836.		
1103.	<i>Sarah Dorman</i> , daughter of (976). She died 1837.	1837	20
	<i>From other Churches.</i>		
1104.	<i>Mrs. Cowles</i> , from the church in Granby.		
1105.	<i>Catherine (Smith)</i> , wife of Thomas M. Ferry, from the church in Granby.		
1106.	<i>Emily Holland</i> , daughter of (395). She married George Vining, Jr., of Plainfield, and removed to New Bedford, in 1845.		
1108.	Wife of Andrew Howard, removed to Oakfield, Illinois, with her son (870).		
1110.	<i>Mary C. Holland</i> , daughter of (395), married (1092), in 1840.		
1111.	<i>Clarissa Stebbins</i> , daughter of (430), married Henry Mather of Suffield, in 1851, and removed.		
1112.	<i>Mary Howe</i> , daughter of (431), mar-		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	ried Mr. Wells of Hartford, in 1845, and removed.		
1113.	<i>Mary Ann Thayer</i> , daughter of Job Thayer, married Ambrose Dorman, son of (976).		
1114.	<i>Eliza Burnett</i> , daughter of (573).		
1115.	<i>Almira Randall</i> , daughter of (1054), married Philetus Kent.		
1116.	<i>Seth Walker</i> , son of (635), removed to Illinois in 1845.		
1117.	<i>Henry Howe</i> , son of (431), removed to New Haven, Conn., in 1847.		
1118.	<i>Charles Holland</i> , son of Park Holland and Esther his wife (781).		
1119.	<i>Abner F. Towne</i> , son of (353).		
1120.	<i>Solomon H. Linnell</i> . He died	1838	
1121.	<i>Margaret B. Smith</i> , daughter of Giles Smith and Margaret his wife (581).		
1121½.	<i>Wright Bridgman, Jr.</i> , son of (302).		
1123.	<i>Dwight Bascom</i> , son of Nathan Bascom and his wife (734). He died	1843	38
1124.	Wife of George W. Kellogg. He died in 1847, and she returned to Colchester, Conn.		

Numbers	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
1125.	<i>James S. Ames</i> , son of (718).		
1126.	<i>Malissa (Woods)</i> , wife of Moses Goodale, daughter of Jonathan Woods, and sister of (533).		
1127.	<i>Caroline Kentfield</i> , widow of Joel Kentfield.		
1128.	<i>Dianthy Stebbins</i> , sister of (924), married Mr. Thatcher, of Lee, in 1845, and removed there.		
1129.	<i>Clarissa Washburn</i> , wife Henry Bridgman, and daughter of (790).		
1129½.	<i>Roxanna (Dunham)</i> , second wife of (462). Her first husband was (431).		
	1839.		
1130.	<i>Mary G. (Bliss)</i> , second wife of Obed Smith; her family name was Gunn, from Montague.		
1131.	<i>Mary (Raynolds)</i> , wife of Dara Walker, from Hadley.		
1132.	<i>J. Addison Joy</i> , }		
1133.	His wife, }		
	Came here by letter from New York City; soon removed to Amherst, and from there removed back to New York.		
1134.	<i>Anna Reid</i> , sister of Rev. Jared Reid, removed.		
1135.	<i>Elizabeth</i> , wife of Josiah W. Priest, from Erving. She died	1847	

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
1136.	<i>Dorcas Montague</i> , widow of Jedediah Montague, from the church in Hadley. Her husband died in Hadley in 1824. She is the mother of Deacon Ephraim Montague (1022).		
1137.	<i>Nancy (Bugbee)</i> , wife of Lyman Rice, and daughter of (482). She died	1847	33
1138.	<i>Louisa</i> , wife of Josiah Walker, Jr., from the church in Palmer.		
1139.	<i>Aaron Davis</i> , died soon after uniting with the church.		
1140.	<i>Clarissa</i> , widow of Whipple Bishop, married Austin Billings.		
1141.	<i>Sarah Montague</i> , daughter of (1136), from the church in Hadley.		
1142.	<i>Mary (Hunt)</i> , second wife of (463), from the church in Bridgewater, State of New York.		
1143.	<i>Ruth A.</i> , wife of Luther Shaw, from the church in Palmer.		
1144.	<i>Ebenezer W. Towne</i> , son of (258).		
1145.	<i>Sophia (Hawkes)</i> , wife of (1144). They were from the church in Enfield to this church, and removed in 1842, to the Presbyterian church, in Batavia, Illinois.		
1146.	<i>Cloe (Hawkes)</i> , mother of (1145), came and went with them.		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age
1147.	<i>Jesse Williams</i> , from the church in East Douglass.		
1148.	<i>Eunice</i> , wife of Jesse Williams, from the same. She died	1845	49
1149.	<i>Esther Williams</i> , daughter of (1147), married (969), in 1843, third wife, see (631).		
1150.	<i>Sarah D. Nichols</i> , daughter of Jacob Nichols.		
1151.	<i>Elizabeth H. (Reed)</i> , second wife of (636).		
1152.	<i>Arabella</i> , wife of Asher Towne, and daughter of William N. Moore.		
1153.	<i>Emily (White)</i> , second wife of (739), and daughter of Reuben White, married Simeon Pepper, Nov. 9, 1826. Admitted to the Brainerd Church, October 4, 1838, at her house, being unable to go abroad. The church voted her admission. She died January 6,	1840	
1154.	<i>Asahel Blodget</i> , from the East church in Amherst to the Brainerd church, and with that church became a member of the united church, in 1841. He died, October,	1846	68
1155.	Wife of (1154), came with her husband. Died	1845	

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The following list of persons, from Numbers 1156 to 1213 inclusive, united with the Brainerd Church, by profession or by letter from other Churches than the First Church in Belchertown, while the Brainerd Church had a separate existence, between August, 1834, and September 1841. Most of the members of the Brainerd Church were from the First Church; their names are on that list. All the following list, living among us at the time of the union of the two churches, August 31, 1841, became members of the united church.

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
1156.	<i>Deacon Elijah Amidon,</i> }		
1157.	Wife of (1156). }		
	Deacon Amidon came from Hardwick to this place, in 1834. He was a deacon in the church at Hardwick, and after his removal here was chosen a deacon in the Brainerd church, and officiated in that church till the union of the two churches, in 1841, and then in the united church till he resigned his office in 1850.		
1158.	<i>Mercy Amidon,</i> daughter of (1156), married Luther W. Burt, of Longmeadow, November 10, 1842, and moved to that place and died soon after.		
1159.	<i>Martha Amidon,</i> daughter of (1156), died in this town, of consumption, July,	1851	30
1160.	<i>John A. Amidon,</i> son of (1156) moved to Chicopee.		
1161.	<i>Ann Bridgman,</i> daughter of (550).		
1162.	<i>Lemuel G. Bennett.</i>		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
1163.	First wife of Levi Burt, died	1838	
1164.	<i>Julia A. Bigelow.</i>		
1165.	Wife of John M. Bartlett, from the church in Granby, moved away.		
1167.	<i>Charles W. Carter</i> , son of Jacob Carter.		
1168.	<i>Harriet Newell Chamberlin</i> , daughter of William Chamberlin, died September 4, William Chamberlin was son of Walter Chamberlin.	1843	23
1169.	<i>Frances Jane Clark</i> , daughter of Eneas Clark and Prudence his wife (603). Frances Jane married Dwight Graves, Esq., in 1837, and removed her church relation to Sunderland, in 1848.		
1170.	<i>Betsey B. Dwight</i> , daughter of (517) by his second wife (542). She married Simeon R. Dwight, son of (636), in 1840.		
1171.	<i>Susan Dwight</i> , daughter of (517). She died in South Hadley, of consumption, in	1844	22
1172.	Wife of Francis Dunbar, daughter of (933), moved to Perrington, State of New York, in 1839.		
1173.	Wife of Charles Dunbar, from the church in Perrington.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
1174.	<i>Clara Dwight</i> , daughter of (515).		
1175.	<i>Delia Dwight</i> , daughter of (515), married Estes Sanford, son of Ichabod Sanford and wife (371), moved to Worcester.		
1176.	<i>Sarah Lorane Doolittle</i> , daughter of (647) and wife (648). Sarah Lorane died of consumption, July 29,	1842	18
1178.	<i>David Fisk</i> .		
1179.	<i>Irene (Howard)</i> , second wife of (969), died She was daughter of Andrew Howard and wife, and sister of (631).	1841	39
1180.	Second wife of John Filer, died in April,	1849	53
1181.	<i>Electa D. Gates</i> , daughter of Horace Gates by his second wife (599½). Electa D., married Pliny H. White, Esq., of Wardsboro', Vt., May 11, 1847, and removed there. They now (1851) reside in Brattleboro', Vt. He is in the practice of Law.		
1182.	Wife of Nath'l D. Goodale, daughter of Asa Pease of Granby, and sister of Deacon Asa Pease of Granby.		
1183.	<i>Charles H. Gilbert</i> , son of (558), removed to the church in Plymouth Hollow, Conn., in April, 1843.		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
1184.	<i>Lorenzo T. Howard</i> , son of (933), removed to Perrington, State of New York.		
1185.	<i>Sally Kendall</i> , second wife of (453), from the church in Enfield. Her husband (453) died in 1841. She removed to Amherst in 1848.		
1188.	<i>Moseley J. Kendall</i> , son of Ruel Kendall, formerly of Ludlow.		
1190.	<i>Maria Kendrick</i> , removed to the church in Enfield, in April, 1842.		
1191.	<i>Heman E. Moody</i> , son of (634).		
1192.	<i>Betsey G. Manly</i> , married Mr. Bates of Southampton, and removed there in 1846.		
1193.	<i>Juliann P. Moore</i> , daughter of Wm. N. and Hannah Moore. Juliann died September 12,	1843	26
1194.	<i>Mary Jane Maloy</i> , died in August	1842	
1196.	<i>Reed J. Owen</i> , son of Leonard Owen, deceased, and grand-son of Capt. Eleazer Owen.		
1197.	<i>Martha Ann (Whittlesey)</i> , wife of Rev. George A. Oviatt. She was from New Haven, Conn. She was a lineal descendant of Rev. Chauncey Whittlesey, formerly of New Haven, a graduate of Yale College in 1738. She died April 6, See sketch of her, page 50.	1846	35

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
1198.	Second wife of Artemas Owen. She was Susan Wright, sister of (1051). She was widow Scott when she married A. Owen.		
1199.	<i>Almira Pepper</i> , daughter of (739).		
1200.	<i>Charlotte Pepper</i> , daughter of (739). She married (1184), and removed to Perrington, State of New York, in 1839.		
1201.	<i>Sally Preston</i> .		
1202.	<i>Sophia Richardson</i> , wife of Nathaniel Richardson, moved to Windsor, Mass., in May, 1847.		
1203.	<i>Louisa Richardson</i> , daughter of Nathan Richardson and wife (1202), removed with her parents.		
1204.	<i>Warren Reed</i> , from the church in Chester, died	1840	59
1205.	Wife of (1204). She died in Northampton in 1844. (1204) and (1205) were parents of (1027.)		
1206.	<i>Lucretia Shumway</i> , daughter of Elihu Shumway and wife (641). Lucretia married Thomas H. Moody and moved to Bernardston; they now (1851) reside in Granby.		
1207.	<i>Lydia Towne</i> .		
1208.	<i>Lucy A. Wright</i> , daughter of (446 $\frac{3}{4}$). She married Randal B.		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	Blazedell, Nov., 1841, and removed to Newton, Mass.		
1210.	<i>Mary Washburn</i> , daughter of (790), died in May,	1835	
1211.	<i>Martha L. Washburn</i> , daughter of Charles Washburn, deceased. Charles was son of (790). Martha L., married (1221), January 22, 1845.		
1212.	<i>Henry A. Wright</i> , son of (446 $\frac{3}{4}$).		
1212 $\frac{1}{2}$.	<i>Christiana (Hawes)</i> , wife of (1212), daughter of (453), and wife of (454).		
1213.	<i>Mrs. James Whitman, Jr.</i> , wife of (897).		
<hr/> 1842.			
1214.	<i>George T. Goodale</i> , from the church in Amherst.		
1215.	<i>Lemuel G. Lloyd</i> , removed to the church in Pittsfield, in 1851.		
1216.	<i>Lydia (Baggs)</i> , wife of (1231), and daughter of Henry Baggs.		
1217.	<i>William G. Ruggles</i> .		
1218.	<i>Alanson D. Pepper</i> , son of (739).		
1219.	<i>Henry Starks</i> .		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
1220.	<i>Charles L. Washburn</i> , son of Chas. Washburn, deceased, and grand-son of (790).		
1221.	<i>Jonathan R. Keith</i> , son of Jonathan Keith.		
1222.	<i>James S. Whitman</i> , son of Marcus Whitman, and grand-son of (434).		
1223.	<i>Delia (Chandler)</i> , wife of Calvin Hitchcock, and daughter of Lemuel Chandler, from the church in Brimfield.		
1224.	<i>Eusebia H.</i> , wife of Jonas Melville, from the church in Chicopee.		
1225.	<i>Susan H. (Barlow)</i> , wife of G. W. Aldrich, and daughter of Wyatt Barlow.		
	1843.		
1226.	<i>Clarissa A. (King)</i> , wife of Solomon C. Shumway, and daughter of Dr. Rufus King, late of Ware, deceased.		
1227.	<i>Pamelia (King)</i> , third wife of (739), and sister of (1226).		
1228.	<i>Mala Cowles</i> , son of (272).		
1229.	<i>Hannah (Dorman)</i> , wife of (1228), and sister of (976).		
1230.	<i>Elizabeth Bardwell</i> .		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
1231.	<i>Rufus S. Lincoln</i> , son of (378).		
1232.	<i>Amasa Towne</i> , son of (878).		
1233.	<i>Christopher C. Simons</i> .		
1234.	<i>Amos L. Mason</i> , from the church in Palmer.		
1235.	<i>Asahel H. Dorman</i> , son of (976).		
1236.	<i>Elizabeth Montague</i> , daughter of (1136).		
1237.	<i>Sophia (Burnett)</i> , wife of George C. Sanford, and daughter of (573).		
1238.	<i>Bathsheba (Sanford)</i> , wife of (1243), and daughter of Ichabod Sanford and wife (371).		
1239.	<i>Jane A. (Moody)</i> , wife of Harvey Montague.		
	1844.		
1240.	<i>Emily D. (Fuller)</i> , wife of A. L. Gates. She was from the church in Hebron, Conn.; daughter of Erastus Fuller. Esq., of Hebron.		
1241.	<i>Mary</i> , wife of George Chandler. She was from the church in Brimfield.		
1242.	<i>Sarah A. (King)</i> , second wife of (1191), from the church in Suffield, Conn.; daughter of Mr. Seth King, of Suffield, Conn.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	1845.		
1243.	<i>Addison Burnett</i> , from the church in South Hadley; son of Arza Burnett, of South Hadley; his mother was Polly Moody, daughter of Seth Moody, formerly of South Hadley.		
1244.	<i>William Freeman</i> .		
1245.	<i>Sophia A. (Cook)</i> , wife of Harrison D. Dwight. She was from Hadley; daughter of David Cook.		
1246.	<i>Moses Ames</i> , son of (718).		
	1846.		
1247.	<i>Pamelia</i> , widow of Warren Smith, from the church in Storrsville.		
1248.	<i>Allen M. Mather</i> , from the church in South Deerfield.		
1249.	<i>Alonzo C. Blodget</i> , from the church in South Hadley; son of (1154).		
1250.	<i>Maria (Smith)</i> , wife of (1287), and daughter of Sereno Smith, of Hadley.		
1250½.	<i>Martha A. Clancy</i> , wife of Rev. John Clancy, from the church in Charlton, N. Y., and removed back there in 1849.		
1251.	<i>Clarissa (Sikes)</i> , wife of Arba Cleveland, from the church in Chicopee.		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age
1252.	<i>Achsah</i> , wife of (1285), from the church in Palmer.		
1253.	<i>Bulah</i> , wife of (1283), from the church in Prescott.		
1254.	<i>Loren S. Allen</i> ,		
1255.	<i>Sarah (Mather)</i> , his wife, } From the church in Whately.		
	1849.		
1256.	<i>Delia (Dwight)</i> , wife of Lyman L. Smith. She was the daughter of Henry Dwight, who died in this town in 1841; he was son to 197.		
1257.	<i>William L. Montague</i> , son of (1022).		
1258.	<i>Mary J. Hannum</i> , daughter of (1063½). She married John Reynolds, of Hadley, in 1851.		
1259.	<i>Julia A. Randall</i> , daughter of (1054).		
1260.	<i>Rosetta</i> , wife of Caleb Walker, Jr., from the church in Stafford, Conn.		
1261.	<i>Jonathan B. Woods</i> , son of (534).		
1262.	<i>Harriet N. (Robinson)</i> , wife of (1261). She was from Plainfield.		
1262½.	<i>Edwin Cowles</i> , son of (1228), removed to Prescott, in 1849.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
	1849.		
1263.	<i>Maria</i> , wife of Renselaer W. Walker, from the church in Northampton. He is son of (410).		
1264.	<i>Dorothy P.</i> , second wife of (1147), from the church in Chicopee.		
1265.	<i>Harriet A. (Pope)</i> , wife of Rev. Samuel Wolcott, from the church in Longmeadow; daughter of Jonathan A. Pope, Esq., of Norwich, Conn.		
	1850.		
1266.	<i>Myron Lawrence</i> , son of William Lawrence, of Middlebury, Vt., and a graduate of Middlebury College in 1820; a lawyer by profession.		
1267.	<i>Charles L. Warner</i> , son of Alonzo Warner, deceased, grand-son of Titus Warner, and great-grand-son, of (180), which see.		
1268.	<i>Phila A.</i> , wife of (1074). He is son of (474).		
1269.	<i>Fanny M. Pratt,</i>		
1270.	<i>Caroline Pratt,</i>		
1271.	<i>Mary S. Pratt,</i>		
	Daughters of Elihu Pratt, and sisters of (1276).		
1272.	<i>Emily S. Towne</i> , daughter of (878). She married Samuel D. Cowles, son (727), Sept. 10, 1851.		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age
1273.	<i>Sarah T. D. Lawrence</i> , daughter of (1266).		
1274.	<i>Sarah Walker</i> , daughter of (474).		
1275.	<i>Sophia D. Lawrence</i> , daughter of (1266).		
1276.	<i>James H. Pratt</i> , son of Elihu Pratt. Elihu is the son of Capt. David Pratt, who died in this town, Sept., 1806, aged 66.		
1277.	<i>Edward P. Blodgett</i> , son of (1249).		
1278.	<i>Mary E. Allen</i> , daughter of (633).		
1279.	<i>Esther H. Allen</i> , second wife of (954), from the church in Heath.		
1280.	<i>Josiah Cowles</i> , son of (272), died <i>See Appendix M.</i>	1851	58
1281.	<i>Betsey Smith</i> , wife of (1280).		
1282.	<i>Jerusha (Dwight)</i> , wife of Lemuel Randall. She was the daughter of Samuel Dwight, who was brother of (197).		
1283.	<i>Roswell Allen</i> .		
1284.	<i>Orren Walker</i> , son of (256).		
1285.	<i>Amos Shaw</i> , son of Solomon Shaw, formerly of Palmer.		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
1286.	<i>Mary C. (Stebbins)</i> , wife of Jonas Holland, and daughter of (724). Jonas Holland is son of Jonas and Susanna (305).		
1287.	<i>Francis Forward</i> , son of (731).		
1288.	<i>Freeman Alden</i> , son of Daniel Alden.		
1289.	<i>Harriet (Root)</i> , wife of (1288), daughter of (511), and sister of (1030). She died	1850	34
1290.	<i>Marcia (Jepson)</i> , wife of (105E).		
1291.	<i>Elizabeth</i> , widow of Asahel Shumway.		
1292.	<i>Alfred H. Hill</i> .		
1293.	<i>Ely W. Stebbins</i> , son of (724) and wife (856).		
1294.	<i>Ardelia (Cowles)</i> , wife of (1293), and daughter of (1280).		
1295.	<i>Sophronia (Thomson)</i> wife of Warner Pratt.		
1296.	<i>Eliza</i> , widow of James Howe.		
1297.	<i>Sarah J. (Shumway)</i> , wife of Albert A. Atwood, and daughter of Solomon C. Shumway.		
1298.	<i>Thomas Alden</i> , son of Daniel Alden.		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age
1299.	<i>Juliann (Walker)</i> , wife of (1298), and daughter of (427).		
1300.	<i>Caroline (Alden)</i> , daughter of Daniel Alden.		
1301.	<i>Alonzo D. Randall</i> , son of Lemuel Randall.		
1302.	<i>Sophia Hawes</i> , daughter of (468).		
1303.	<i>Julia A. M. Bartlett</i> , daughter of (1025).		
1304.	<i>Kate E. Kellogg</i> , daughter of Joseph Kellogg and wife (1047).		
1305.	<i>Mary J. Shumway</i> , daughter of (1028).		
1306.	<i>David B. Dwight</i> , son of John Dwight.		
1307.	<i>Platt T. Slaughter</i> .		
1308.	<i>Charles L. Randall</i> .		
1309.	<i>Russell S. Underwood</i> , son of Russell Underwood and wife, Flavia S., (1356).		
1310.	<i>Juliatt Stebbins</i> , daughter of (745).		
1311.	<i>Eliza C. King</i> , daughter of Rufus King.		
1312.	<i>Cordelia S. Shumway</i> , daughter of (1028).		

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Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
1313.	<i>Williams W. Cowles</i> , son of (727).		
1314.	<i>Edward F. Towne</i> , son of (878).		
1315.	<i>Edson M. Walker</i> , son of (1284).		
1316.	<i>Solomon Shumway</i> , son of Solomon C Shumway. Solomon C. was son of Solomon Shumway, who died in this town in April, 1819, aged 39. He was son of (730).		
1317.	<i>Gilbert E. Walker</i> , son of (1284).		
1318.	<i>William J. Holland</i> , son of Jonas Holland and wife (1286).		
1319.	<i>Chester Randall, Jr.</i> , son of (1054).		
1320.	<i>Emery P. Walker</i> , son of (474).		
1321.	<i>Clara A. Dwight</i> , daughter of Henry Dwight, deceased, and grand-daughter of (197).		
1322.	<i>Sarah E. Towne</i> , daughter of (878).		
1323.	<i>George M. Abbey</i> , son of (656).		
1324.	<i>Eliza M. Woods</i> , daughter of (534).		
1325.	<i>Mary J. Lincoln</i> , daughter of Enos Lincoln, Jr., and grand-daughter of (378).		
1326.	<i>Mary E. Leach</i> , daughter of (1055).		
1327.	<i>Juliette E. Walker</i> , daughter of (1284).		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
1328.	<i>Harriet A. Abbey</i> , daughter of (656).		
1329.	<i>Emeline Randall</i> , daughter of (1054).		
1330.	<i>Mary R. Walker</i> , daughter of (1284).		
1331.	<i>Edwin J. Nichols</i> , son of (767).		
1332.	<i>Dwight P. Clapp</i> , son of James H. Clapp, and his wife (780).		
1333.	<i>Phebe (Parsons)</i> , second wife of (656). She was from Northampton; daughter of Elisha Parsons, deceased.		
1334.	<i>Lucinda M.</i> , wife of Rufus King, from the church in Ware.		
1335.	<i>Elisha Pratt</i> , son of Capt. David Pratt, formerly of this town. He died here in 1806, aged 66.		
1336.	<i>Lyman Rice</i> , son of Horatio Rice, and gand-son of (286).		
1337.	<i>Sophronia D. Bartlett</i> , daughter of (1025).		
1338.	<i>Maria Alden</i> , daughter of Daniel Alden.		
1339.	<i>Fanny E. Randall</i> , daughter of Lemuel Randall.		
1340.	<i>Polly R. Walker</i> , daughter of (473),		

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1341.	<i>Elizabeth Owen</i> , daughter of (651).		
1342.	<i>Martha A. Shaw</i> , daughter of (1285).		
1343.	<i>Mary M. Blodgett</i> , daughter of (1249).		
1344.	<i>Martha M. Dickinson</i> , daughter of Franklin Dickinson.		
1345.	<i>Horatio Holland</i> , son of Jonas Holland and wife (1286).		
1346.	<i>Clarissa F. Woods</i> , daughter of (534).		
1347.	<i>Cynthia C.</i> , wife of Howard Upham.		
1348.	<i>Sophia (Rice)</i> , wife (1336). She was from Springfield, daughter of ——— Rice.		
1349.	<i>Sarah A.</i> , wife of (1267).		
1350.	<i>Ellen M. Marsh</i> , daughter of (775).		
1351.	<i>Everett W. Walker</i> , son of Samuel Walker of Springfield, and grand-son of (317).		
1352.	<i>Mary Warner</i> , }		
1353.	<i>Ellen Warner</i> , }		
	Daughters of Alonzo Warner, deceased, and great-grand-daughters of (180).		
1354.	<i>Fanny W. (Pease)</i> , wife of Asa M.		

Numbers.	Names.	Deaths.	Age.
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1355.	<i>Silence S. Walker</i> , daughter of (473).		
1356.	<i>Flavia S.</i> , widow of Russell Underwood, late of Granby. She was daughter of Benjamin Stebbins, and grand-daughter of (129).		
1357.	<i>Eriza M. Willey</i> , from Granby.		
1358.	<i>Ephraim B. Hitchcock</i> , from Wilbraham.		
1359.	<i>Jesse M. Williams</i> , son of (1147).		
1360.	<i>Emily J.</i> , wife of (1359).		
1361.	<i>Rebecca N.</i> , widow of Solomon Shaw, late of Palmer.		
1362.	<i>Lucinda</i> , third wife of Ashley Holland, from Whately.		
1363.	<i>Eunice Smith</i> , from Uxbridge.		
1364.	<i>Jason S. Dwight</i> , from So. Hadley, son of John Dwight.		
1365.	<i>Margaret O.</i> , wife of (1364).		
1366.	<i>Susan M. Woods</i> , }		
1367.	<i>Lucy C. Woods</i> , }		
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Those who were removed from the church by death or otherwise, previous to February 26th, 1756, are not found in the foregoing list; no record is to be found of them. Names are doubtless omitted of some who have been communicants, and members of the church; since that time, our records are defective. Some names who were known to be communicants are not on the church records; when known their names were inserted in this list, that the list may be as accurate and full as practicable, yet I presume in some measure deficient.



GENEALOGIES

OF SOME OF THE FIRST FAMILIES THAT SETTLED IN
COLD SPRING, NOW BELCHERTOWN, HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS.

APPENDIX A.

THE SMITH FAMILY.

John Smith, (No. 1) in the column of figures representing names, was the son of Joseph Smith, who was son of Joseph Smith, who came from England and settled at Hartford, Conn., about 1651. He married Lydia Huit, or Hewitt, daughter of Rev. Ephraim Huit, the second minister of Windsor, April, 1656. They had fifteen children. Their eldest son, Joseph, father of John (No. 1), moved to Hadley in 1679; married Rebecca Dickinson in 1680. They had five sons and three daughters—Joseph, born 1682; John, born 1684, died under two years of age; John, born 1687 (No. 1); Jonathan, born 1691, and Benjamin, born 1696. Three daughters, Rebecca, Lydia, and Elizabeth. John, the third son, married Elizabeth Hovey, of Hadley, in 1709. He moved to Hatfield in 1711, and was chosen a deacon in the church there. He moved to Cold Spring in 1736. They had six sons and five daughters. Their sons were John, born in Hadley in 1710; Abner (No. 5), born in Hatfield, in 1712; Samuel; Daniel (No. 7), born 1716; Joseph (No. 9), born 1720; Elijah (No. 11), born 1723. Their daughters were Elizabeth, married Walter Fair-

field, son of (21); Mirriam, married Jesse Warner; Rachel, married Aaron Hannum (No. 32); Sarah, married Abner Dickinson, and Rebekah, married Oliver Graves. All the children, except John, were born in Hatfield. John, the eldest son, resided some years with his family here, and removed. His son Edward was born here and resided here for years; was chosen deacon of this church (See No. 163). Abner and Daniel came here in 1733. Elijah (No. 11), came with his father in 1736. Daniel and Elijah spent their lives here. Abner (5), moved away. Joseph (9, see his number), married Eunice Bascom; they had five sons—Joseph (139), Amasa (229), Eli, (279), John (248) and Solomon. (See these numbers in column of figures). Margaret, a daughter of (9), married (241). Elijah (11) married Sybil Worthington, of Colchester, Conn. in 1751; they had six sons and three daughters. Elijah served as a Captain in the French war, in 1757 and 1758. His sons were Asa, born in 1752, died at Halifax, Vermont, in 1835. He was father of Rev. Theophilus Smith, now the settled minister of New Canaan, Conn. Elijah, born 1758, lived in Greenfield, and died there in 1843. Rev. Ethan Smith, born in Belchertown, December 19, 1762. He married Miss Bathsheba Sanford, daughter of Rev. David Sanford, minister of Medway, February 4, 1793. (See a notice of him in Historical Sketch, page 29). They had ten children—Myron, born in Haverhill, 1794, died in Hebron, N. Y., in 1818; Lyndon Arnold, born 1795, graduated at Dartmouth College in 1817, studied the medical profession, married Frances L., daughter of Rev. Edward D. Griffin, D. D., President of Williams College, in 1823, and is now a practising physician in Newark, New Jersey. Stephen Sanford, born 1797, studied Theology, was settled in the ministry in Westminister, Mass., now without pastoral charge. Carlos, born 1799, graduated at Union College, N. Y., in 1822, studied Theology, is now located in the ministry in Talmadge, Ohio. Grace Fletcher, born 1803, married Rev. Job H. Martin, and died in 1840. Sarah Towne, born in 1805, married Rev. Job H. Martin, in 1841. He is now settled in the min-

istry in Wisconsin. Harriet, born 1807, married Rev. William H. Sanford, the settled minister in Boylston, Mass. Ellen Chase, born in 1812, married Charles B. Sedgwick, Esq., of Pompey Hill, N. Y., in 1837, and died in 1846. The other children died early in life.

Jacob Smith, the next younger brother of Rev. Ethan, and 4th son of Deacon Elijah Smith (11), was born in 1764, united with this church in 1785, (See 247), removed to Hadley in 1788, has been a deacon in that church for many years, and is now living in the enjoyment of his mental and moral powers, to a degree unusual for one of his years, sustained by the consolations of that religion, which has been his support and his solace for almost three score years and ten. William, the next son of Deacon Elijah (11), was born in 1766, now lives in Scipio, Seneca County, Ohio. Josiah, the next son, was born in 1768; died in Scipio, Ohio, in 1828. Sibyl (162), daughter of Deacon Elijah Smith, married Deacon Joseph Bardwell (233), in January, 1774. Sarah W., another daughter, married Capt. Elijah Bardwell (182), in December, 1777. Rev. Horatio Bardwell, missionary to India, is son to these parents, Elijah and Sarah W. (See their numbers, 182 and 183). Joseph and Elijah Bardwell were brothers. Elizabeth, another daughter of Deacon Elijah (11), married John Cowles, Jr. (191), in April, 1778.

APPENDIX B.

THE LYMAN FAMILY.

In the earliest records that I have found containing this family name, it is written *Limon*. It is so written generally in church and town records at Northampton, for fifty or more years from the first settlement in that place. Since about 1720 it has generally been written *Lyman*.

Deacon Aaron Lyman (No. 3), in the column of figures representing names, was a grand-son of John Lyman of Northampton. The name of John Limon is found there at the organizing of the church in 1661, or about that time, as a prominent actor in the affairs of the place. He had several sons. Benjamin, his son, was father of Aaron (3). Caleb, was another son of John. Some of that branch of the family moved to Northfield. Joseph was another son of John; he died in Northampton, February, 1691, aged 21. John, the father, died there August 20, 1690, aged 66. Deacon Aaron Lyman was one of the first settlers in Cold Spring, in 1731. He was born in Northampton, 1705; married Eunice Dwight, a sister of Capt. Nathaniel Dwight (42), about 1732. Josiah Lyman (221), was a son of Aaron, born in 1736; he married Sarah Worthington, of Colchester, Conn., and raised a family here. Aaron (230), his oldest son, resided here many years; married Electa Graves; was a deacon in this church. Josiah, moved late in life, to Goshen, in this County, and died at an advanced age. Josiah had other sons—Giles (249), and Jonathan (261). (See these numbers in column of figures). A brother of Aaron (3), moved to Southampton; his name was Benjamin; he died there in 1762, aged 60. The Lyman family have all removed from this place. I am not aware that a branch of it remains with us. They were highly respected and useful in their day here, and decided patrons of the religious interests in the place. It is supposed that *John Lyman* was the *progenitor* of all by the name of Lyman, in this part of the country.

APPENDIX C.

THE BRIDGMAN FAMILY.

Ebenezer Bridgman (No. 14) in column of figures representing names, was a native of Northampton, and came to this place in 1732. He was son of John Bridgman, of Northampton. John was son of James Bridgman, one of the Pilgrim Fathers; he came from England and settled in Hartford in 1640; soon after moved from Hartford to Springfield, where he resided a few years. John, his only son, was born in Springfield, July, 1645. The same year, James, the father, moved to Northampton with his family. John married Mary Shelden of Northampton, December, 1670. They had six sons and seven daughters. Their sons were John, born 1674; James, born 1677; Isaac, born 1680; Ebenezer, born 1686; Thomas, born 1688, and Orlando, born 1701. The names of the daughters were Mary, Deliverance, Sarah, Ruth, Martha, Hannah, and Dorothy. Ebenezer, the fourth son of John, married Mary Parsons of Northampton, daughter of Capt. John Parsons. They had one son, Joseph (16), born at Northampton, 1712. He came here with his father, soon after married, had two sons, Oliver (187), born December 28, 1738; Joseph (200), born June 4, 1745. Joseph married Ruth Wright of Northampton, June 21, 1770; Oliver married and had three sons—Ebenezer, (408), Oliver (723), and William (457). Ebenezer and Oliver are farmers, now residing in this place. William is a physician, residing in Springfield. Esther (781), a daughter of Oliver (187), married Park Holland; he died June 19, 1832, aged 51. Joseph (200), had four sons and two daughters; Wright (302), was a merchant in this town, married Irene Smith of Granby, daughter of Phineas Smith, formerly of that town. They had six sons—Henry, John B., Wright, Porter, Phineas S., and Calvin; they had two daughters—Mary, married Samuel P. Hopkins, Helen died unmarried. Joseph, the second son of Joseph (200), was a

graduate of Dartmouth College, in 1795; studied the legal profession, and settled in this town; married Ruth Hawkes (440), of Charlemont; they had four sons and three daughters. Their sons were Frederick, a graduate of Yale College, in 1826, and a practising physician in Georgia, Arthur, Joseph, and Francis; their daughters were Eliza, Sarah, and Clara. Joseph Bridgman, Esq. died in this town, December, 1836, aged 63. Theodore Bridgman (550), the third son of (200), married for his first wife (326), for his second wife (504), for his third wife (502), (See these numbers); by his first wife he had three sons—(460), (461), (667), and three daughters—(494), (858), and (889); by his second wife he had (988), and by his third wife, Abigail S. (See these numbers for further facts). Theodore died in December, 1836, aged 61. Jonathan, the fourth son of (200), was born in 1781, and now resides in Amherst. (See 411). He had two daughters, Sarah (339), and Mary.

APPENDIX D.

THE STEBBINS FAMILY.

Benjamin Stebbins (No. 18), in the column of figures representing names, was a native of Northampton. He was born 1711, and was son of Samuel Stebbins, born at Northampton, 1658, who was a son of John Stebbins. John died at Northampton, 1678, aged 60. He was the son of Rowland Stebbins. In the geneological memoir of the Stebbins family, by Dr. Daniel Stebbins of Northampton, published in the fifth volume of the Historical and Geneological Register, 1851, we learn that Rowland Stebbins arrived in America in 1634, with his family, consisting of his wife and two sons and two daughters, passengers in the ship *Francis*, from Ipswich, County of Suffolk, England. He was forty years old at his arrival;

his wife Sarah forty-three ; his son Thomas, 14 years of age ; his daughter Sarah, 11 years of age ; his son John, 8 years of age ; and his daughter Elizabeth six years of age. They settled at Springfield. After remaining a time at Springfield, Rowland and his son John went to Northampton ; John remained there through life. Rowland returned back to Springfield, where he died, September, 1683. John married Abigail Bartlett ; they had nine children—Samuel, Abigail, Thomas, Hannah, Mary, Sarah, Joseph, Deborah, and Thankful. Joseph went to Deerfield. Samuel was father of Benjamin (18), who is said to be the first that made a permanent residence in in this place. He remained here through life, raised a family here, and died 1789, aged 78 ; his wife died 1769, aged 60. Captain Gideon Stebbins (No. 129), was son of Benjamin ; he was born in this town in 1740. In November, 1768, he married Mary Hinsdale of Deerfield. They had four sons that lived to adult age. Benjamin, the eldest, was a physician, went to the South, where he spent most of his life—he died many years since ; Zenas Stebbins (724), Samuel H. Stebbins (430), and Henry Stebbins (745), are farmers, all now residing in this town. (See these numbers). Darius, another son of Gideon, died in infancy. The Stebbins family were very early settlers in Western Massachusetts, at Springfield, Northampton, Deerfield, and other places. The given names of Samuel, Benjamin, and Joseph, were common names in several branches of the family. This family can trace their lineage to a very remote antiquity and to a very reputable ancestry. A compiler of the genealogy of this family says, "A glance at the names of the principal settlers in New England, should satisfy the most prejudiced Virginian, that there are many eastern Families that have as good a claim to '*gentle blood*' as any boastful Lee, Randolph, or Fairfax. In this country, none can boast of an older descent than this family, if we except a few settlers in *Jamestown*, and the *Pilgrims* of the *Mayflower*."

APPENDIX E.

THE TOWNE FAMILY.

William Towne, Anglo-American, born about the year 1600; came to this country and settled at Salem, about 1640. He had six children—Edmund, born 1629; Jacob, born 1631; Joseph, born 1639; three daughters, Rebeckah, Sarah, and Mary. William moved to Topsfield in 1652, and remained there during life. He died at the age of 72. Jacob married Catherine Simons; he died in 1704, aged 73. He had six children—John, born 1658; Jacob, born 1660; Catherine, born 1662; Deliverance and Ruth, twins, born 1664; and Edmund, born 1666. John, son of Jacob, married Mary Smith, settled in Topsfield, and removed from there to Framingham in 1700, and from there to Oxford in 1712; he died there in 1740, aged 82. They had ten children—Mary, born 1681; John, died in childhood; Israel, born 1684; Esther, born 1686; Ephraim, born 1688; Jonathan, born 1691; David, born 1693; Samuel, born 1695; Edmund, born 1699; and John, 1702. Israel, son of John, married Susanna Haven, and removed to Oxford in 1712; he died there in 1771, nearly 87 years of age. His widow, Susanna, died in this town, at her son's residence, in 1787, aged nearly 97. (See No. 104). They had ten children—Mary, born 1709; Susanna, born 1711, and died young; Joseph, died in his minority; Susanna, born 1717; Elijah, born 1719; Moses, born 1721; Esther, born 1724; Israel, born 1727; Lois, born 1729; Mahitabel, born 1731. Israel, son of Israel, purchased a farm in Belchertown, in 1749, and came to this place, then 22 years of age; married Naomi Stebbins, daughter of Benjamin Stebbins (18), in 1754. He died in 1805, aged 78. His wife, Naomi (104), died in 1827, aged 92. They had 10 children—Amasa, born 1755; Jonathan, born 1756; William, born 1758; Joseph, born 1761; Benjamin, born 1765; Abner, born 1767; Naomi, born 1770; Rachel, born 1772; Susanna, born 1774; Salem,

born 1779. Amasa (241), died in Belchertown in 1820, aged 65. Jonathan (258), died in Belchertown in 1824, aged 68. William died in Granville, State of New York, in 1842, aged 84. Joseph died in Pennsylvania in 1825, aged 64. Abner (353), died in this town in 1828, aged 60. Naomi married Nathaniel Talmadge, of Ludlow, and died there in 1835, aged 66. Rebeckah married Willson White, and died in Granville, State of New York, in 1800, aged 28. Susanna married Job Holbrook, and lived in Moscow, State of New York. Salem was a graduate of Middlebury College, Vermont, in 1805; has been extensively engaged in Classical Instruction, at Granville and Aurora, State of New York, and elsewhere. He has published several works as Text Books to the English language, which had an extensive circulation, and were well approved by the literary public. He has received the honorary degree of LL. D. Amasa (241), son of Israel, married Margaret Smith, daughter of Deacon Joseph Smith (9); they had seven children—Lucretia (400), married John Witt; Josiah was a graduate of Middlebury College, in 1812, studied Theology, was licensed to preach, and settled in the ministry in Hanover, New Hampshire, married Eunice Pennfield, removed to Ohio, and continues his ministerial labors in that State. Lydia (687), married Deacon Jonathan Lyman (261). Israel (878), married Hannah Stacy (541). Abner married Eliza Vinton, daughter of Capt. Abiathar Vinton, formerly of South Hadley, and during a few of the last years of his life, of Amherst. She is sister of the Hon. Samuel Finley Vinton, a leading member in Congress from Ohio. Mr. Towne studied Theology, was licensed to preach, moved to Ohio, and died early in life in that State. Mary married Quartus Moody of Granby, and John S. married Rachel Warner. Jonathan (258), son of Israel, married for his first wife, Polly Holbrook; by her he had one son, Jonathan, who married Delia Rumrill. Jonathan (258), married for his second wife, Miriam Warner, daughter of Ebenezer Warner (41); his children by his second wife are Ebenezer W., Charles E., (died), William E., and Mary S. Abner Towne (353), married

Kersiah Fairfield, daughter of (148). They had nine children—Laura, married Chester Randall; Almira, married Rev. Erastus Benton, of Providence, R. I.; Joseph (948), (which see); Naomi S. married Silas Howard; Louisa married H. T. Filer, of Belchertown; Josiah, deceased; Elizabeth R. married Nathan Willson; Malissa married Ransom Howard.

APPENDIX F.

THE DWIGHT FAMILY.

Nathaniel Dwight, whose name is represented by (No. 42), in the column of figures, was a native of Northampton, and son of Nathaniel Dwight, who early located at Northampton, about 1689. He was son of Timothy Dwight, who was son of John Dwight, who came from England and settled in Dedham, Mass., in 1636. His name is found of that date, acting as a freeman in that town. The name is written *Dwite* at first, but was soon changed in the orthography and written *Dwight*. John had one son, Timothy, whose name is found in the records of Dedham, as an acting freeman, as early as 1637. Timothy, the son of John, had three sons—Henry, Josiah, and Nathaniel. Nathaniel, son of Nathaniel, and grandson of Timothy, came to this town in 1732. He was brother of Timothy Dwight, Esq., of Northampton, who was father of the Hon. Timothy Dwight of Northampton, who was father of Rev. Timothy Dwight, D. D., President of Yale College. Nathaniel (42), the brother of Timothy, Esq., married Eunice Lyman, sister of Deacon Aaron Lyman. They had four sons—Elihu, Justus, Elijah, and Pliny. The eldest son, Elihu, married Penelope Graves in 1757, and died in 1760, leaving one daughter, Margaret. She married Thomas A. Gates, (See 232).

Justus married Sarah Lamb; he died in July, 1824, aged 85. He had six sons—Elihu, a graduate of Dartmouth College in 1790, studied the medical profession and settled in South Hadley; William, died young; Jonathan, a farmer settled in Belchertown, died in 1834, (See 455), aged 64; Nathaniel, a farmer, settled in Belchertown, (See 515); Daniel, a graduate of Dartmouth College in 1796, studied Law and settled in Westmoreland, N. H., and is now at the South; Justus (517), settled in this town, a farmer, died in this town in 1835, aged 54. Justus, senior, had one daughter, Clarissa, (See 273).

Col. Elijah Dwight (215), third son of (42), married Diana Hinsdale of Deerfield, (See 216). They had seven sons—Josiah, a graduate of Yale College in 1794, studied the medical profession, and settled in Portsmouth, N. H.; Gamaliel, a merchant, sometime a resident in Boston, died many years since; Lyman died young; Elijah, a merchant, settled in Amherst, and died there October, 1819, aged 40; John, Pliny, and Leonard. He had two daughters—Martha, married Hezekiah Wright Strong, a lawyer, settled in Amherst; Susanna D., married Mason Shaw, Esq., a lawyer, formerly of Castine, Maine, now residing in this town. Pliny, the fourth son of Nathaniel (42), had one child, a daughter, Nancy, (See 321). Col. Elijah Dwight died in 1795, aged 47.

Another family of Dwights, a different branch, came into this town about the time of the commencement of the Revolutionary War, from Western, (now Warren). Henry Dwight, (See 197). He was son of Col. Simeon Dwight; Col. Simeon was son of Henry, who was son of Timothy, who was son of John, the common ancestor of all the name in this country. Col. Henry Dwight (197), had six sons—Henry, a farmer, died in this town in 1841, aged 64; Simeon, (636), a mechanic, died in this town in 1842, aged 63; Charles, a farmer, died in this town in 1815, aged 34; Solomon died years since; Thomas is at the South, if living; Peregrine died in the State of New York in 1842, aged 48, (See 679). Henry Dwight (197), had two daughters—Sophia (518), the eldest, married Justus Dwight, Jr. (517); she died in

1814, aged 28; Clarissa, the youngest daughter (548), married Myron Lawrence, Esq., and resides in this town. Col. Henry Dwight (197) had another son not named above, Joseph Hawley; he died in the army in 1801, at Niagara, aged 26. He was the eldest son of Col. Dwight. Samuel Dwight, who died in this town, April 10, 1817, aged 52, was brother of Col. Henry Dwight (197). Samuel left two sons, John and Samuel. John died in 1851, aged 56.

LOCATION AND RESIDENCE OF SOME OF THE DESCENDENTS OF JOHN DWIGHT, THE COMMON ANCESTOR.

John Dwight settled at Dedham, 1636.

Second Generation.

One son, Timothy, settled at Dedham.

Third Generation.—Sons of Timothy.

Nathaniel, settled at Northampton, Mass.

Josiah, settled at Woodstock, Conn.

Henry, settled at Hatfield, Mass.; died 1732.

Fourth Generation.

Samuel, settled at Enfield, Conn.

Daniel, settled at Charleston, South Carolina.

Nathaniel, settled at Belchertown, Mass.

John and Theodore, settled in New Haven, Conn.

Joseph, settled at Great Barrington, Mass.

Josiah, settled at Springfield, Mass.; died 1768.

Edmund, settled at Halifax, Nova Scotia; died 1755.

William, settled in Sturbridge, Mass.

Locations of some of the 5th and succeeding Generations.

Joseph, settled at Cincinnatus, New York.

Henry W., settled at Stockbridge, Mass.

Jonathan, settled at Springfield, Mass.

Henry, settled at Belchertown, Mass.

Rev. Timothy, D. D., settled at New Haven, Conn.

Jonathan E., settled at Canajoharrie, N. Y.

Daniel, settled at Dudley, Mass.

Solomon, settled at Hatwick, N. Y.

Israel R. " " "

Rev. Lewis, settled at Boston, Mass.

Rev. Henry, settled at Geneva, N. Y.

APPENDIX G.

THE PHELPS FAMILY.

Lineage traced from Eliakim Phelps (36) both ways.

Eliakim Phelps (No. 36), was a native of Northampton, born 1709, and was son of William Phelps, and grand-son of William Phelps. William, the grandfather of Eliakim, was son of Nathaniel Phelps one of the first settlers in Northampton. Nathaniel, was son of William Phelps, who first settled in Dorchester, Mass.; he went from there to Windsor, Conn. and was many years a magistrate in that Colony; his name is found among the first settlers of Windsor, as early as 1640. Eliakim (36), came to this place in 1731 or 1732, when there were but five families in the place. He married for his first wife, Elizabeth Rust of Northampton; she died in 1752, aged 40; by her he had six children. His eldest son, Simeon, died at Pittsfield in 1776, returning from service in the Northern Army, aged 34. Simeon was father of Benjamin (751), and Noah (726). Eliakim, for his second wife, married Elizabeth Davis from Springfield; she died in 1778, aged 64. His eldest son by his second wife, was William; he died in Northampton, (See 166); his second son by his second wife was Eliakim, (See 222). This Eliakim (222), had four sons—Abner (340), Daniel (462), William (463), and Eliakim (570). (See these several

numbers). Eliakim, the father of these four sons, died in this town in 1824, aged 69. He had two daughters—the eldest, Asenath, married Thomas Bliss of Brimfield, in 1813; the other daughter, Diana, married Cornelius Delano of Northampton.

Joseph Phelps (No. 34), was a native of Northampton, and a brother of William the father of Eliakim (36), son to William, and grand-son to Nathaniel. He came here among the early settlers, and before the year 1736, probably in 1732. He had a son Joseph, whose wife, Sarah, (106), was a member of this church. He had two daughters—the eldest Dinah (*Phelps*) '70), married Ebenezer Warner (41). She was the mother of Capt. Elisha Warner (722), and of Phineas Warner (235). She died in 1812, aged 80. Her husband, Ebenezer Warner, died within twenty-four hours of the same time; also the same day died the wife of Elisha Warner, her son, with whom these parents lived, in the same dwelling. The other daughter of Joseph Phelps, Deborah, remained unmarried through life. She died in 1816, aged 74.

APPENDIX H.

THE WARNER FAMILY.

Traced from Ebenezer Warner (41) both ways.

Ebenezer Warner (No. 41), a native Hatfield, and son of Ebenezer Warner of Hatfield, was born 1729. Ebenezer Warner of Hatfield, was son of Daniel Warner of Hatfield, born 1681. Daniel Warner of Hatfield, was one of the first settlers in that place, in 1661; died there April 30, 1692. He was son of Andrew Warner, who was one of the first settlers of Hartford, Conn., and died there December 18, 1684. Ebenezer Warner, the son of Daniel, and grand-son of Andrew, married Ruth Ely in

1709. They had several children—Ruth, born 1712 : died 1730 ; Martha, born 1715 ; Moses (39), born 1717 ; Lydia, born 1719 ; Eli, born 1722 ; John, born 1727 ; and Ebenezer, born 1729. Moses Warner (39), married Sarah Porter in 1739. Their children were Seth (180), born 1740. Seth was father of Titus Warner who died in Amherst, April 12, 1818, aged 50. Titus was father of the late Alonzo Warner, Park, Seth and George. Park resides in Granby ; Seth and George have moved away. The second son of Moses Warner, and brother of (180), was Jonathan Warner ; he died in this place in 1782, aged 31. He was father of the first wife of Theodore Bridgman, (See 326). The other sons of Moses (39), were Moses, resided in Hatfield, and Eli, who went to Granby. Moses, the father, died in this town in 1759, aged 42 ; his wife died here in 1757, aged 36. Ebenezer (41), brother of Moses (39), married Dinah Phelps (70). They had four sons—Elisha, (722) ; he died in this town in 1829, aged 77 ; Josiah, who died in 1782, aged 28 ; Elihu, who died in 1798, aged 40 ; and Phineas Warner (235), who died in 1848, aged 85. The daughters of Ebenezer (41), and Dinah (70), were Philotheta (136) : she married Elijah Howe (135), in 1770, and died in 1771, aged 28 ; Hulda (201) : she married Capt. Simeon Bardwell, in 1781, and died in 1782, aged 25 ; Esther, married Artemas Green of Granby, in 1788 ; Molly, or Miriam : she married for her first husband Capt. Jonathan Towne (258), in 1801 : he died in 1824 ; she afterwards married James Whitcomb of Williamsburgh, in 1826. Elisha (722), married Sarah Scott (263), February, 1776, for his first wife ; she died in 1812, aged 62. He again married, but left no children by either marriage. Phineas (235), married Sally Rich : she died in 1831, aged 62. He again married in 1832 (618). Their sons are Theron, Ebenezer, and Jairus ; their daughters—Henrietta (444), married (720, which see) ; Sally, married Lucius F. Newton of Monson : died in 1828, aged 24. These sons and daughters were all children of the first marriage ; Phineas Warner left no children by the second marriage.

APPENDIX I.

THE BARDWELL FAMILY.

Joseph Bardwell (No. 66), was a native of Hatfield, born 1713, and son of John Bardwell. John was son of **Robert* Bardwell who came from London to Boston about the year 1670. He was a hatter by trade. Between 1670 and 1680 he removed to Hatfield; there he raised a family. His son John was an early settler in Cold Spring; he came here about the year 1732. He had three sons—Martin, Joseph and Jonathan. Martin was of adult age, Joseph about 19 years old, and Jonathan about 8 years old when the father came to this place. I can find no record from Church or Precinct, stating the death of either John Bardwell or of his eldest son, Martin. We have no Church or Parish records of any deaths for twenty-five years from the first settlement of the place. Martin married and had a family. One son, Martin, born 1740, died in 1824; a daughter, Experience, married Eldad Parsons (223), in 1780; a daughter, Katherine, married Daniel Smith, Jr. (238), in 1776. Martin, who died in 1824, aged 84, had a son, Martin, who died in this place in 1814, aged 43; he was father of Oromal Bardwell and Antipas S. Bardwell, now residing in this place. Joseph (66), the second son of John, had three sons—Joseph (233), born 1750; Elijah (182), born 1753; Obadiah, born 1757. Joseph (233), married Sybil Smith, daughter of (11), and sister of Rev. Ethan Smith, in 1774; they had eleven children—Haddassa (303), Electa (304), (See these numbers); Theodotia, married Ira Parsons, moved to Rutland, Vt., and died there July 1842, aged 51; Josiah Bardwell, Esq., for many years a merchant and prominent man in South Hadley: he died there March 22, 1845, aged 67; two of the children died in early life; Deacon Alonzo Bardwell, of South

* This name is written *Robbert* in the ancient records.

Hadley ; one daughter married Col. Timothy Lyman, late of Chester, deceased ; several of the children are still living, not herein named.

Capt. Elijah Bardwell, the second son of Joseph (66), married Sarah W. Smith, daughter of (11), and sister of his brother Joseph's wife, in 1777. Rev. Horatio Bardwell, missionary to Syria and Palestine, is son of these parents. (See Nos. 182 and 183).

Jonathan Bardwell, third son of John, had two sons—Simeon and Jonathan. Simeon married Hulda Warner, daughter of (41), in 1781 : she died in 1782, aged 25. Simeon moved from this place to the South, about the year 1794. His brother Jonathan married Anna Eddy in 1781 ; he remained here through life. (See his number, 753). He had two sons—Simeon and Jonathan. Simeon died in Virginia in 1835, aged 50 ; his brother Jonathan is at the South, if living. Their father, Jonathan (753), died in this town in 1828, aged 76.

Obadiah Bardwell, third son of Joseph (66), married Mahitibel Smith in 1782. Dr. Chester Bardwell, now a practising physician in Whately, is their son.

APPENDIX K.

THE HANNUM FAMILY.

Samuel Hannum No. (27), was a native of Northampton, born in the year 1692, and was son of John Hannum. John was son of William Hannum, from England, one of the earliest settlers in Northampton. He died in 1677. His will was proved in the Probate Court, August 23d, 1677. His son John died in 1710. His will was proved in the Probate Court, February, 1711. John left two sons that came to Cold Spring with families, in 1732. William, the eldest, born in 1690, and died in this town in 1756, leaving three sons. Moses, the eldest son of William, born 1718, died 1802. (See 29). He

left four sons—William, who moved to the State of New York; Moses (549½); Joshua, who died in this town unmarried, in 1824, aged 65; David, born 1763, and moved from this place many years since. Moses (549½) died in 1836, aged 79, leaving two sons—Pliny, who moved to Pelham, and died there in 1845, aged 63, and Stiles (1063½), now residing in this town. Aaron, the second son of William, and brother of (29), born 1722, and died in this town in 1776; he left one son, Caleb, who died in Greenwich, in 1833, aged 83. Josiah Hannum, a blacksmith by trade, and moved from this place years since, was a son of Caleb. Gideon Hannum, the third son of William, and brother of (29) and (31), born 1726, and died in 1786; he left four sons—Justus, born 1756; Solomon (217); Elijah (794); Daniel (757), (See these numbers). Descendants of Elijah and Daniel, are now residing in this place. Samuel Hannum (27), the younger brother of William, came with him to Cold Spring, and died in 1780, aged 88, leaving two sons—Samuel, born 1732, and died in 1809, unmarried; Phineas, second son of Samuel (27), born 1743, and died 1809, leaving three sons—Phineas (737), Gamaliel (521), Oliver (520), and a daughter (522). (See these numbers).

APPENDIX L.

THE GRAVES FAMILY.

Jonathan Graves (No. 12), was a native of Hatfield, born 1702, son of Jonathan Graves, grandson of Isaac Graves, and great-grand-son of Thomas Graves, one of the first settlers in Hatfield. Thomas had two sons, John and Isaac. Thomas settled in Hatfield, before Hatfield was incorporated: when it was included within the limits of Hadley. John Graves had one son, Samuel, born in 1657. He died in 1694. He left three sons, Jonathan,

John, and Thomas. In 1695, John was appointed guardian to Nathan Graves, a minor. Thomas Graves (No. 60), son of Samuel, married Lydia Graves, a daughter of Isaac Graves. John Graves (62), was born in Hatfield, in 1719; Jonathan Graves (12), had three sons—Perez, Jonathan, and Joseph. These families came from Hatfield to this place very early in the settlement here, between 1731 and 1735. Perez, the eldest son, went into the French War, in 1758; he made his Will in May that year, went immediately into the service, and died in the army in September or October the same fall. His Will was proved in October the same year, by which he gave to his brother Joseph his Tan Yard and some other property, to his brother Jonathan forty shillings, and to his sister, Penelope Dwight, 65 acres of land. This sister had married Elihu Dwight, the eldest son of Capt. Nathaniel Dwight, in 1757; he also gave a *handsome suit of clothes to Miss Susanna Lyman*, (his betrothed as is supposed). She was the daughter of Deacon Aaron Lyman (3). She afterwards, in 1763, married Capt. Elihu Kent, of Suffield, Conn. Joseph Graves, son of Jonathan, died in this town in 1796, aged 62, leaving a large family—Perez, born 1762; Josiah D. (459), born 1772; Jonathan, born 1774; Elijah, born 1776: died at two years of age; Elijah, born 1779: died 1799; Joseph (459½), born 1783. The daughters were Margaret, married Benjamin Howe, a brother of Dr Estes Howe, in 1785; Susanna (267); Electa (253), married Deacon Aaron Lyman (230), son of (221), and grand-son of (3), in 1788. The Graves family have all removed from this place; many of them were communicants in this church, and notices of them will be found by turning to their respective numbers.

APPENDIX M.

THE COWLES FAMILY.

Traced from Israel Cowles (56), both ways.

Israel Cowles (56), was a native of Hatfield, son of John Cowles of Hatfield, born in 1726. John the father moved to Amherst, about 1729. His son John (85), was born at Amherst in 1731. John, the father, was son of Jonathan Cowles of Hatfield; Jonathan was son of John Cowles who went from Hartford, Conn. to Hatfield, among the first settlers of that place. He had two sons—Jonathan and Samuel; Samuel had two sons—Samuel and Ebenezer. Samuel, son of Samuel and brother of Ebenezer, early went to Coventry, Conn.; his father, Samuel, died at Hatfield in 1744; by his Will he gave to his son Samuel, living in Coventry, his lands in Coventry; to his son Ebenezer, his debts due to him and his household furniture. Ebenezer lived in Hatfield. A branch of this family from John, the common ancestor, early went to Farmington, Conn. The two brothers, Israel (56), and John (85), were among the early settlers here, though not among the first; they probably came here in 1752. They both engaged in service in the French War, and went from this place for the relief of Fort William Henry, in 1757. Israel died in this town in 1797, aged nearly 71. He left two sons—Josiah (272), born 1760, and Amasa (436), born 1768. Josiah died in 1822, leaving three sons—Israel (727), Mala, (1228), and Josiah (1280). Josiah died in 1851, aged 58. Descendants from these branches of the family are residing among us. Amasa (436), left one son, Ariel, and a daughter (1084). John Cowles (85), died in 1811, aged 80. He left sons—John (191), born 1758: he died in 1830; Abner, born 1761: he died in May, 1837; Joshua (341), born 1775: died in 1842; Enos, (481,) born 1777; Vester, born 1779. Descendants from these branches of the family are residing here.

APPENDIX N.

THE ANCESTRY AND LINEAGE OF MRS. SARAH PORTER,
WIFE OF REV. EXPERIENCE PORTER.

Mrs. Porter was the eldest daughter of Dr. Phineas Smith, formerly of Sharon, Conn. Dr. Smith was a lineal descendant of from Rev. Henry Smith, the first settled minister of Weathersfield, Conn., who came to this country from England, in 1630, and landed at Plymouth. He had been ordained a protestant minister in England. There is a record in family descendants, stating that the Rev. Henry Smith was installed in the ministry in Weathersfield, in 1637. (See Note A).

In a very valuable recent publication of the "**FOOTE FAMILY**," by *Nathaniel Goodwin, Esq.*, of Hartford, there is the following notice of Rev. Henry Smith: "The first notice we have of him, is on the records of the first church in Charlestown, Mass., where, according to an entry therein, himself and Dorothy his wife, were admitted to full communion of the church, on the 5th of the 10th month, 1637. As near as can be ascertained, he was installed in Weathersfield, in the spring of 1641, at which time the church was regularly organized. Mr. Smith died in 1648. But little is known of his ministry, as not a vestage of a church record is to be found during his life."

He left a widow, who married John Russell, senior, the father of Rev. John Russell, who was his immediate successor in the ministry at Weathersfield, and who moved from there with a majority of his church, to Hadley, Mass., in 1659. Mrs. Smith was again left a widow by the death of Mr. Russell, and moved to Hadley with Rev. John Russell, in 1659. Rev. John Russell died in Hadley, December 10, 1692, in the 66th year of his age. Rev. Henry Smith left one son, Joseph; he married, had a family, and died leaving one son, Ichabod; he married, had a family, and died leaving four sons—Samuel, James, Ichabod, and Joseph. These four brothers were farmers and resided in Suffield, Conn. Samuel was born in 1697.

At 23 years of age he married a daughter of Rev. Cotton Mather, of Boston. Rev. Cotton Mather was son of Rev. Increase Mather, President of Harvard College from 1685 to 1701. He was son to Rev. Richard Mather, who was chosen teacher in the first church gathered in Dorchester, Mass., in 1636. Rev. Richard Mather was father of Rev. Eleazer Mather, the first minister of Northampton, ordained there in 1661.

Samuel Smith, the eldest son of Ichabod, (and grandson of Rev. Henry), had four sons and one daughter, Elizabeth; she married Graves Loomis, of Suffield, Conn., and had a large family of children. His sons were Dan, Cotton Mather, Simeon, and Paul. The eldest son, Dan, was born in Suffield in 1731; he married Kersiah Devotion in 1752; she was daughter of Rev. Ebenezer Devotion; they had one daughter, Lucy; she married William Goodrich, of Sharon, Conn.

The eldest son, Dr. Phineas Smith, was born in Suffield, Conn., January, 1755. He married Abigail Lay, of Lyme; they had five sons and two daughters. Richard, the eldest son, born 1779, was a graduate of Yale College in 1797, studied the profession of law, settled in practice in Batavia, New York, has been Surrogate of the County, and is still residing in that place.

Frederick, the second son, born 1782, educated a merchant, died unmarried, at Natchez, Mississippi, in 1817.

Phineas, the third son, born 1785, educated a merchant; after arriving at the age of manhood he turned his attention to the study of Theology, was licensed to preach, settled in the ministry, and is now in the State of Michigan in professional labors. He married Miss Sophia Tryon, daughter of Hon. John Tryon, of New Lebanon.

John L., the fourth son, born 1787, resides in the State of New York. George, the youngest son of Dr. Phineas Smith, born 1793, was a graduate of Yale College in 1812, went to the South, and died early in life. Sarah (554), the eldest daughter, married Rev. Experience Porter, in 1806; she died in 1825. (See Historical Sketch of her, page 59). Elizabeth, the youngest daughter (565), married Samuel Strong, Esq., and resides in this

place. DAN SMITH, Esq., the youngest brother of Dr. Phineas Smith, of whom mention is made in the sketch of Mrs. Porter, married Betsey Hunter in 1780, and removed from Sharon, Conn., to West Haven, Vt., in 1788. They had two sons and three daughters. Their eldest son, John Devotion, was educated a merchant, went to the South, and died in early life; William Hunter, the youngest son, was a farmer, resided in Vergennes, Vt, married Electa, daughter of Hon. Samuel Strong, of Vergennes, and died in 1843, aged 53; Lucy Maria, their eldest daughter, married Hon. Moses Strong, of Rutland, Vt., a lawyer by profession, in 1801: she died there in 1823, aged 40; Betsey Matilda, the second daughter, married Mark Doolittle, the author of these sketches, in 1807; she died in 1814, aged 28; Lorane, the third daughter, married Rev. Nathan S. S. Beman, D. D., of Troy, New York, in 1811, his *first* wife; she died in the State of Georgia in 1818, aged 30.

Rev. Cotton Mather Smith, the second son of Samuel Smith, and uncle of Dr. Phineas Smith, was many years a settled minister in Sharon, Conn. He had one son, HON. JOHN COTTON SMITH, Governor of Connecticut from 1813 to 1817. He was also a member of Congress and a judge of the Supreme Court of Conn.

APPENDIX P.

THE DOOLITTLE FAMILY.

Abraham Doolittle, supposed to be the progenitor of all by the name of Doolittle in this country, came from England and settled in New Haven, Conn., about the year 1640 or 1642. In 1644 he took the oath of fidelity in the Colony, and acted as Executive County Officer in New Haven. He was one of the three appointed by the New Haven Committee, to superintend the affairs of the

New Settlement. This "New Settlement" was afterwards, in 1670, incorporated into a town by the name of Wallingford. He was one of the first settlers in that town, and before its incorporation. He was one of the village Vigilance Committee in the time of King Phillip's war; his house was protected by a picket fort, against an attack by the Indians. He married, and by his first wife he had two sons and two daughters. Abraham, his eldest son, was born February 12, 1649; John, his second son, was born June 14, 1655; Elizabeth and Mary were the names of his daughters. After the death of his first wife, he married Elizabeth Mosse, July 2, 1663. By his second wife he had seven children. Samuel, his eldest son by his second wife, was born July 7, 1665; the other sons by the second marriage were, Joseph, Ebenezer, Daniel, and Theophilus. Abraham Doolittle died in 1690. Joseph, his son, married Sarah Brown, daughter of Samuel Brown; he died in May 1733, aged 66. Ebenezer married Sarah Hall, daughter of Samuel Hall; he died in December, 1711, aged 39. Daniel married Hannah Cornwall; he resided in Middletown. Theophilus married Thankful Hall, daughter of David Hall. John, the second son of Abraham by his first wife, married for his first wife, Mary Peck, February 13, 1682. His second wife was Grace Blakesley. Benjamin, a son of John, born July 10, 1695, was a graduate of Yale College in 1716, studied Theology, and was settled in the ministry in Northfield, Mass., in 1718: the first settled minister in that place; he married Lydia Todd, October 14, 1717; he died suddenly in Northfield, January 9, 1748. Samuel, a brother of Rev. Benjamin, moved from Wallingford to Northfield, and died there in 1736, leaving two sons, Ephraim and Moses. Daniel, son of the first Abraham, died in Wallingford in 1755, aged 80; he left a son by the name of David. An only daughter of David, Elizabeth, married David Brooks, a graduate of Yale College in 1768.

Abraham Doolittle, 2d, married for his first wife, Mercy Holt, daughter of William Holt of New Haven, Nov. 9, 1680; by her he had two sons and two daugh-

ters. John, the eldest son, born August 13, 1681; Abraham, born March 27, 1684; Sarah, born February, 1686, and Susanna, born April 15, 1688. His second wife was Ruth Lathrop, from New London, a sister of John and Joseph Lathrop; she died leaving no children. Abraham, 2d, married for a second wife Elizabeth Thorp, daughter of Samuel Thorp; by her he had three sons—Samuel, Joseph, and Thomas, born between the years 1698 and 1705 inclusive. John Doolittle, the eldest son of Abraham, 2d, married for his first wife, Mary Frederick, daughter of William Frederick of New Haven, February 28, 1705; after her death he married Mary Lewis. By these two wives he had ten children: four sons and six daughters. His sons were, John, Frederick, Obed, and Nathan; his daughters, Susanna, Eunice, Phebe, Mary, Kersiah, and Patience. These children were born between the years 1707 and 1732 inclusive. He died at Wallingford in 1745.

John, the eldest son of John, and grand-son of Abraham, 2d, born February 6, 1712, married in 1734, had two sons and two daughters; his sons were Philemon and Titus; his daughters, Eunice and Hannah. He died at Wallingford in 1746. Philemon, his eldest son, married Lydia Hall, January 5, 1757. He had four sons and five daughters. His sons were John Frederick, Rice, Jared, and Jesse; his daughters, Phebe, Kersiah, Lydia, Patience, and Hannah. Philemon moved from Wallingford, Conn., to Blandford, Mass., in 1771, and again moved to Western New York in 1795.

Titus Doolittle, Esq., the youngest son of John, and great-grand-son of Abraham, 2d, was born at Wallingford, June 12, 1745; married Mary Lewis, daughter of Dr. Lewis of Wallingford. In 1771 he moved from Wallingford to Westfield, Mass., with a young family. The part of Westfield where he settled was incorporated into a town by the name of Russell, in 1792. He was a farmer by occupation. He had five sons and three daughters. His eldest son, John, died in early life, unmarried; his second son, Titus, a farmer by occupation, married

Mary Tracy, daughter of Rev. Stephen Tracy, of Norwich, Mass., in 1794; she died in 1843. He is living in Painsville, Ohio. He has had a family of ten children, most of whom have died; has no son living. Joel, the third son, was a graduate of Yale College in 1799, was a Tutor in the College at Middlebury, Vt., studied the profession of law, settled in business at Middlebury; married Sarah P. Fitch, daughter of Ephraim Fitch, Esq., of Pawlet, Vt. He was at sundry times a member of the State Legislature, of the Governor's Council, and many years a Judge of the Supreme Court of the State of Vermont. He was a member of the Corporation of Middlebury College. The last State office that he held, was that of member of the Board of the Council of State Censors; he was chosen President of the Board. He died at Middlebury, March 9, 1841, aged 67. He left four sons and two daughters. His sons were, John Titus, Charles Hubbard, Joel, and Mark Raboteau. These sons are in Ohio; three of them in Painsville. His daughters were, Sarah and Elizabeth. The fourth son, Amasa, a farmer by occupation, resided in Cheshire, Conn.; he married Mary Hitchcock, daughter of Amasa Hitchcock, of Cheshire; he died in 1825, aged 49, leaving one son, Amasa Lewis, now residing in Cheshire, and one daughter, Mary; she married Reuben Palmer, Esq., and now resides in West Springfield, Mass. Mark, the fifth and youngest son, was a graduate of Yale College in 1804, studied the legal profession, settled in Belchertown, and is the author of these Sketches. For his first wife he married Betsey Matilda Smith, daughter of Dan Smith, Esq., of West Haven, Vt; she died Nov. 13, 1814, aged 28. (See Appendix N, page 271). She left two daughters—Lucy Maria, born August, 1809, married Dr. Horatio ~~W. Johnson~~ of Belchertown, in 1834, and now resides in this place; Betsey Matilda, born in May 1814, married John Stacy, a graduate in 1837 of Yale College, in 1838. They now reside in Addison, State of New York. He is Principal in an Institution for Classical Instruction. August 10, 1817, Mark Doolittle married for his second wife, Sarah T. Raboteau, daughter of Charles C. Raboteau, Esq., formerly of

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Newburyport. By this marriage he had two children: William C., who died in early childhood, and Sarah Lorrane, who died July 29, 1842, aged 18 years. The daughters of Titus Doolittle, Esq., were, Elizabeth, married Abraham Bradley of Russell; she died April 28, 1831, aged 64, leaving sons and daughters. Mary, married Noble Fowler of Southwick, Mass.; she died March 11, 1847, aged 78, leaving four sons. Martha, married Solomon Gillett of Colchester, Conn., and now resides in that place. Titus Doolittle, Esq., died Nov. 23, 1818.

1st Generation,	Abraham Doolittle, died Aug. 11, 1690, aged 70.
2d	" Abraham Doolittle, 2d, died Nov. 10, 1732, aged 83.
3d	" John Doolittle, died Nov. 1746, aged 65.
4th	" John Doolittle, 2d, died Nov. 1747, aged 35.
5th	" Titus Doolittle.
6th	" Mark Doolittle.

NOTES.

NOTE A.

I am inclined to think that there is an error in date of the record stating that Rev. Henry Smith was installed at Wethersfield, in 1637. It was probably in 1641. It is stated by Mr. Goodwin, in his work before alluded to, that previous to the installation of Rev. Henry Smith as the first pastor of the church at Wethersfield, Rev. Richard Denton and Rev. Mr. Pruden labored with the people, until the former left in 1641, for Rippowams, and the latter joined his own church at Milford. Previous to 1641, unhappy divisions arose in that church; the contention was carried before the General Court, at Hartford, in 1640. In these contentions several names are given, of those prominent in that controversy. Mr. Smith's name is not used or adverted to in these contentions, till 1643, when he became the object of censure and severe accusation. These charges were finally brought before the Governor and Magistrates, and fully heard, and Mr. Smith cleared from all imputation of blame or wrong, by the unanimous decision of the whole Court, and an order passed, to be read in the several towns, for clearing Mr. Smith from all accusations against him; and another order passed, that whosoever should be convicted, under two witnesses, of renewing or continuing the former complaints against him, shall forfeit to the County *ten pounds*. In 1644 a part of the church seceded and made a settlement in Totocket, (now Branford), and the contentions ceased.

NOTE B. (*From page 14*).

There is nothing to be found on our church or precinct records, stating the nature of the difficulties that existed between Mr. Billing and the church, which lead to his dismissal. I have in my possession, manuscripts one hundred years old, handed down from father to son, casting some light on this subject. A presentation of it is in the following document, under date of 1750 :

"In as much as many are endeavouring to destroy y^e Rev. Mr. Edward Billing's character, and prevent his being useful and serviceable to y^e souls of our fellow men, we think ourselves obliged to let y^e world know y^e following things, namely: that y^e rise and ground of y^e fierce contention at Cold Spring with Mr. Billing, was his differing sentiments from most of y^e church with respect to y^e qualifications for y^e enjoyment of y^e two sacraments, upon y^e account of his holding that none but visible christians or saints were to be admitted to y^e special ordinance. A great clamour was raised in this part of the country, and church meetings were frequently called to prepare y^e way for Mr. Billing's dismissal; and at last y^e church and pastor agreed in passing y^e following vote: 'The pastor and church at Cold Spring, being divided in their sentiments with regard to y^e qualifications which give a right to '*full communion*' in y^e church, when convened at y^e meeting house, y^e 2d Tuesday of September, 1750, voted to call a Council, in a convenient time, to consider and give advice with regard to their difficult circumstances, resulting from y^e above mentioned different sentiments. Voted, at a church meeting, 9th of October, 1750, y^e y^e business of y^e Council, whenever called, shall be this, viz: to endeavour to accommodate the difference between pastor and church, and if the endeavours prove ineffectual, then proceed to determine whether pastor and church, being of different sentiments as above mentioned, be a reasonable ground for separating them'."

The Council convened, but I can find no result specified of their doings. The differences of opinion as to

qualifications for the enjoyment of the two sacraments were not reconciled. I can find nowhere the point of difference between Mr. Billing and a majority of the church *specifically* stated, or the thing *claimed* by one party, and *denied* by the other. We have seen (page 16 and 17), that those embracing the half-way covenants, admitted persons to baptism and to the church, as being in "a state of education," and upon a moral sincerity; yet did *not* admit them to "*full communion*"—that in *form* the church had *distinct covenants*, one for those *thus* admitted, and one for such as were admitted to *full communion*. From all the sources of information that have come within my reach, I infer that Mr. Billing did not fellowship this practice, or believe it to be scriptural. It is clear to my own mind, that Mr. Billing maintained that none should be admitted into covenant relation to the church, or entertained as members in any sense, but such as professed experimental religion. Such a faith as the half-way covenant churches required of those that were admitted to "*full communion*"—that none but such had any right, on their own account, to participate in the ordinances of the church. This question did not touch the right of infant baptism upon the faith of parents, but applied to those only who on their own account sought the privileges of the church, without any profession of experimental religion.

I have found no evidence that this question which disturbed the peace of the church in Mr. Billing's day, and caused his dismission, was ever a disturbing subject after the settlement of Mr. Forward. The Articles of Faith adopted at his settlement, were those of the Reformation, and such as have ever been held by the church since. Other trials, however, were visited upon the settlers. The war between England and France, in which the Colonies were involved, was severe in demands on their time, service, and means of living; heavy drafts for money and men were made repeatedly. In 1757 a draft was made for *forty one* effective militia men to go into that service as soldiers. The order was complied with. It embraced no small portion of the heads of families in the place,

and on whom their prosperity in civil and religious affairs depended. Thirty-two of this number that went out were church members; they were out different lengths of time; it proved a sore calamity to the settlers, and would have been such if their pay had been more. Their remuneration *was* very small. At a session of the General Court, held in June, 1758, an order passed for payment of those of the militia who had been out in that campaign, as follows:

For each	Colonel,	10 ^s	\$1.67 per day.
" "	Lt. Colonel,	8 ^s	1.33 " "
" "	Major,	7 ^s	1.17 " "
" "	Chaplain,	5 ^s	83 " "
" "	Captain,	5 ^s	83 " "
" "	Surgeon,	4 ^s 6 ^d	75 " "
" "	Lieutenant,	3 ^s 9 ^d	62½ " "
" "	Ensign,	3 ^s	50 " "
" "	Adjutant,	3 ^s	50 " "
" "	Serjeant,	2 ^s 10 ^d	47 " "
" "	Corporal,	2 ^s 9 ^d	46 " "
" "	Soldier,	2 ^s 8 ^d	44 " "

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22	17th line from top read, "obey them" for "obey it."
79	14th line from bottom, read "Rev. Sam'l Wolcott <i>installed</i> " for <i>dismissed</i> .
81	3d line from top, read "1737" for "1837."
103	Against marginal No. (123), read daughter of (58) for (53).
117	Against marginal No. (230), read (253) for (243.)
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129	Against marginal No. (316), read John Marshall (485) for (585.)
135	Against marginal No. (370), read <i>Jotham</i> for <i>Jonathan</i> Randall.
171	Top of the page, read sister of (655) and (656) for (656) and (657)
174	Against marginal No. (704), read daughter of (223) for (233.)
183	Against marginal No. (802), read "Ezra <i>Ward</i> " for "Ezra <i>Wood</i> ."
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275	6th line from top, read "married for a <i>third</i> wife," instead of " <i>second</i> wife."
276	8th line from bottom, read "Dr. Horatio Thomson," for "Dr. Horatio T. Johnson."





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